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Renovations set for music school

Total cost in excess of \$11 million

By Alex Leary
Ithacan News Editor

Ithaca College announced plans yesterday for an \$11.5 million addition to the School of Music which will double the size of the existing building by the fall of 1998.

Ground for the 55,000 square foot addition to the Center for Music at Ithaca College is expected to break March 17, 1997.

The Office of Development has already secured \$7.2 million from undisclosed sources who gave the money in honor of President James J. Whalen's career, said Bonnie Gordon, vice president for College relations and resource development.

While the need for a new facility stemmed from the College's 1992 strategic planning report, the push came in 1993 when Clinton Ford gave a \$1 million bequest for the building, Gordon said.

The new facility will alleviate many of the long-standing space concerns, said School of Music Dean Arthur Ostrander. In the past, students found practice space limited and often had to find space outside of Ford Hall to hold recitals.

After the meeting, students eagerly

crowded around a model of the center. When completed, the new facility will wrap around the existing Ford Hall building and connect to the Gannett Center.

"I think it is fantastic," said Michelle Free '00, who said she was pleased the plan included more practice rooms. "We really need space here."

Ostrander said the Center for Music will bring more prestige to an already strong program.

"I believe we will have a unified facility that is as fine as any institution I have seen in the United States," he said.

Director of Public Information Dave Maley said while there are no plans to increase size of the student body, the College expects the program to strengthen as a result of the project.

The additional \$3.3 million needed to complete the project will be generated by a two-year fundraising campaign, which will be chaired by Marjorie Rooke Schwab '69.

Gordon presented Whalen with the check given in his name, saying that Whalen's name, along with the music school's reputation, led to the large financial commitments.

"We were absolutely overwhelmed by the response," Gordon said. "We're extremely



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Arthur Ostrander, dean of the school of music, holds the ceremonial shovel that will be used to break ground for the school's renovations on March 17, 1997.

fortunate to be in a very strong position because we have more than you would [normally] have at this point."

After the announcement, Whalen received a standing ovation from the crowd of more than 500 students, faculty, staff and supporters of the music program.

"As our founding school, music has occupied a very special place in all of our hearts, and I have wanted very much to restore to it an environment equal to its highly renowned,

superb programs," Whalen said in a prepared statement.

Whalen added that the development office played a large role in securing the funds and will work closely with the fundraising campaign committee.

Matthew King '96 said, "Once word gets out that this major renovation is going to happen, I think it might put Ithaca more on

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CFCU to remain open

Lawsuit loss does not mean union shutdown

By Jocelyn Egyes
Ithacan Staff

Credit unions nationwide may have suffered a setback last month when a federal judge ruled that they were barred from accepting new members outside of their original charter.

In accordance with the Oct. 25 ruling, Cornell Federal Credit Union (CFCU) members not associated with Cornell University would be forced to withdraw their savings and switch to commercial banks. Currently, CFCU serves over 45,000 people, including students and faculty from Ithaca College.

But a proposal that would change CFCU status from a federal to a New York State chartered credit union would allow Ithaca College members to continue to do business with CFCU.

The lawsuit was recently filed against the National Credit Union Administration and the Credit Union movement by a number of claimants, including the American Bankers Association (ABA), for unlawfully expanding their membership.

"In the long run it will turn out to be a victory. People are more aware that banks are trying to outdo the credit unions by competing with expensive lawyers."

—Elizabeth Rudan, director of business development and marketing for CFCU

CFCU members will vote on the proposition Dec. 20. If approved, the law will take effect Jan. 1.

Robert O. Witty, president and chief executive officer of CFCU, wrote in a prepared statement that changing charters "restores our ability to serve everyone in our field of membership, protecting [members'] right to choose a financial institution."

Elizabeth Rudan, director of business development and marketing for CFCU, said the change will be positive.

"In the long run, it will turn out to be a victory," Rudan said. "People are more aware that banks are trying to outdo the credit unions by competing with expensive lawyers."

Rudan said that while deposits will still be federally insured, there will be minimal changes to the administration. She added that services to CFCU's members will not change.

"The changes are almost like when the music conservatory became Ithaca College," Rudan

said. "The students still had the same teachers, classes and education, but the administration just increased."

Although there is no reported number of Ithaca College members of CFCU, Witty wrote that the Federal Credit Union Act supports the policy, "once a member, always a member."

"We are fortunate that the leadership of the state updated laws to be more current with the economy," Rudan said.

Credit unions were founded to allow members the opportunity to have low-cost alternatives for financial services. While most members of commercial banks are charged monthly for their bank accounts, credit unions recognize that not everybody can afford to pay monthly fees or per check charges, Rudan said.

Jim Byrnes, president and CEO of the Tompkins County Trust Company, said that although he has no direct relations with CFCU, he does not entirely

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AIDS victims find Tompkins County assistance lacking

By Alessandra Menasce
Ithacan Staff

"I came to Ithaca to die," said Cleve Thomas after he was diagnosed with HIV in 1992. His doctor in San Francisco told him that he had a year to live. But the doctor was wrong.

Thomas, now 42, directs the human rights play, "Youth and Violence," at The Red Room Consortium in Ithaca and is still alive and well.

Thomas is not alone.

There are officially 64 HIV/AIDS cases reported in Tompkins County. In June 1996, the Centers for Disease Control reported 101,049 cases in New York State. This number represents 18 percent of the nation's total number of HIV/AIDS cases, said Martin P. Brooks, education coordinator of Aids Work of Tompkins County.

"The numbers are misleading because they are usually lower than what is actually out there," Brooks said.

AIDS, an acronym for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, has become the most publicized disease in the world. Grim statistics show that in the United States a new case of HIV among 13-20-year-

olds is reported every hour, according to a report released to President Bill Clinton.

Even though she had sex education classes in high school, an Ithaca resident, who requested anonymity, had the misconception that AIDS was only transmitted by hemophiliacs, homosexuals or babies whose mothers had AIDS.

"At that moment you think life is one way, and all of a sudden everything in my life changed," she said.

She even considered dropping out of school when she discovered she had the HIV virus.

"[I thought,] 'Why bother [to] finish? I'm going to be dead soon anyway,'" she said. "I wanted to drop out of school—I wanted to drop out of life."

In the midst of her struggle, she met a man who she later married. He is HIV negative. Although she has the support of her husband, "Every step of the way is a struggle. It just keeps going on and on," she said.

There are many other life changes that come with HIV/AIDS, she said. "How many drugs you have to take, how expensive it is, how sick you feel, the discrimina-

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the map than it already is."

Schwab asked the faculty, staff and students to help in the campaign.

"This is going to be lot of hard work but a lot of fun too," Schwab said.

Professor Lawrence Doeblen, who directs choral groups within the school, said the new space will allow his groups to fully rehearse. He added that due to downsizing and other measure, there was some question as to whether the plan would go through.

"I'm pretty ecstatic about it," Doeblen said. "There was a feeling that it wasn't going to happen."

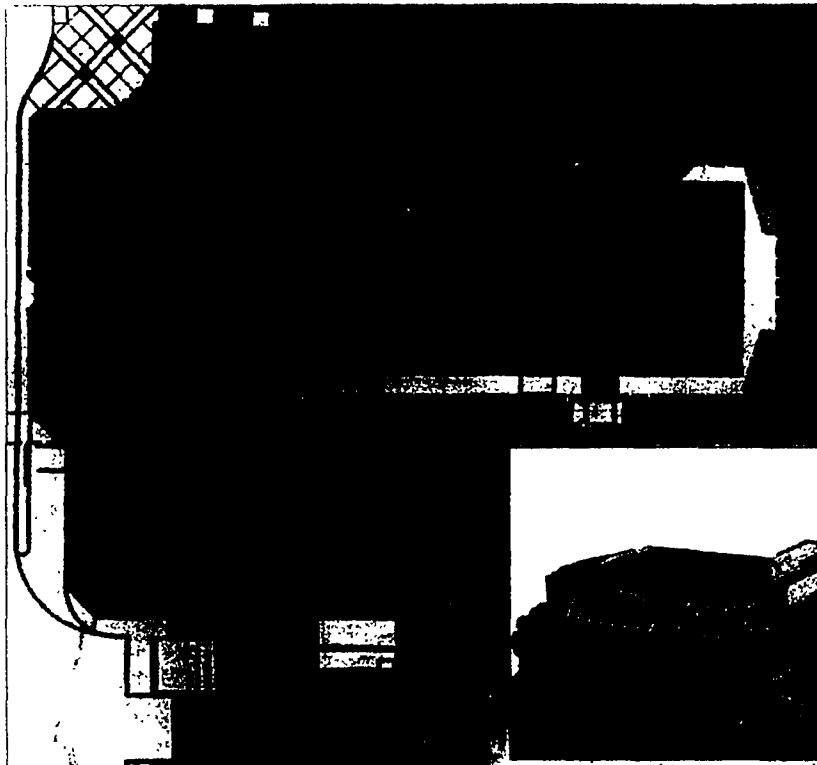
Keir Neuringer '98, who seemed more impressed with the wind ensemble who opened the ceremony than the actual announcement, said the students will play an important role in obtaining the additional \$3.3 million.

"Everyone is really like 'go get 'em' right now. I'm sure there is going to be a lot of students volunteering to help out," he said.

Although Neuringer said construction could be a problem, he is willing to deal with it.

"Trying to practice [with] a jack hammer next door could be a pain, but I think it is worth it in the long run," Neuringer said.

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Additions include:

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- two recording control rooms
- an electroacoustic music suite
- a music education resource center, including a large multipurpose room, an attached observation room, a large storage room and three conference rooms
- a bridge connecting Ford Hall directly to the music holdings of the Ithaca College library
- redesign of the front and west entrances that will eliminate obstructions to the disabled
- a computer classroom

AIDS

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tion in social, economic and physical life," she said. "When people begin to understand all that, they take a second thought before they do something unsafe."

Because there is no medical expert in HIV/AIDS in Ithaca, she has to travel to Elmira to see a doctor.

"From a medical point of view, it's sad and scary to live here," Cleve Thomas said. "At Ithaca, there is no specialist in this field, and there appears to be gross negligence towards patients with HIV/AIDS."

Although living with AIDS can sometimes be a lonely struggle, AIDS Work of Tompkins County gives support and creates a caring community for people living with AIDS or HIV.

Valerie Reine, direct support services coordinator at AIDS Work, said it does not only provide essential care and support for people with AIDS, but also to their families and friends.

Their services include home visits, escorted transportation to hospitals and doctor's offices and social services. They also provide Ithaca with its only AIDS hot line.

Currently, AIDS Work has 34 "participants" and 28 collaterals, families and friends of those with

the AIDS/HIV virus. Funded by the Ryan White Care Act, AIDS Work receives money administered by the Aids Institute of Tompkins County, United Way Venture Grants and local fundraising.

Reine said one in every four dollars is raised locally. Neither Ithaca College nor Cornell University contributes any money to AIDS Work. However, she said, college students do volunteer for AIDS Work.

"Students make a lot of difference in the service we provide to people," she said.

AIDS Work plays an important role in many people's lives because it helps people deal with the uncertainty and discrimination that sometimes accompanies the AIDS virus.

"Inappropriate, unnecessary, demoralizing treatment discourages life, and I found out that is the type of thing I was going to have to encounter time and time again," Thomas said, referring to a doctor's visit here in Tompkins County where he was discriminated against and badly treated.

"It is a struggle," he said. "It should not take an act of piety to give simple medical attention. What country are we in again?"

And those who are concerned

that they may have contracted the virus should know that testing is available.

There are two types of testing: anonymous and confidential. If one takes an anonymous test, the patient is known only by a number and his or her test results are known to the patient alone. A confidential test allows only the doctor who processes the test to know a person's results.

At Ithaca College, the Hammond Health Center provides free, confidential testing for the HIV virus. Students must wait up to three weeks to receive their results.

In the fall semester of 1995, 59 students were tested for the HIV virus at the health center. Last spring, 86 students were tested. This semester, this number has decreased to 54. So far, no one has tested positive, according to officials in the Hammond Center.

So, what about home tests?

Apparently, this "convenience item," as Reine called it, is expensive, usually around \$50, and not easily accessible to the vast majority of the population. Testing at local health clinics like the Hammond Health Center or Planned Parenthood of Tompkins County is still the easiest way to be sure.

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agree with credit unions

"The principle of tax-exempt companies competing with tax-paying companies is unfair," Byrnes said. "If credit unions anywhere wish to compete more broadly, they should be taxed like other business."

Witty says banking industries have been going after credit unions for more than 50 years over issues including taxation, growth of unions and regulation.

Credit unions find that "it's our obligation to protect the rights of our members and make sure there is no disruption in service," Witty wrote.

While many members waited in anticipation for the results, John Watkinson '99 said he had thoughts of leaving the credit union before he was forced to do so.

"I was going to pull out because I was afraid I would lose my money and they would shut down, and I

would have to find another bank," Watkinson said. "I am relieved that I don't have to worry about that."

Cara Nasisi '98 said she is also relieved that CFCU will continue serving students and faculty members because, she said, switching to a bank would have been an inconvenience.

"CFCU's ATM machines are centrally located on campus," Nasisi said. "Other banks that I would consider may not have other advantages that CFCU has."

Although banks were successful in receiving a ruling by the judge presiding over the case that credit unions must stop signing in new members, Rudan said that switching and getting new laws has gained a win for CFCU.

"We actually feel like we are stepping up," Rudan said. "We expect membership to improve and everyone can continue to choose where they want to keep their money."

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SGA requests to screen search applicants

Muller asked to give response by January

Michael Bornstein
Ithacan Staff

A letter discussed by Rashaand Sass, Student Government Association president and chair of the Steering Committee, at Tuesday's SGA meeting requested the Board of Trustees' chair Herman E. Muller to allow students to interview presidential candidates of the College.

"Students are the overwhelming majority, and Ithaca College is 93 percent tuition dependent; therefore, we expect to have five or six 50-minute sessions with these candidates, during which we will be able to ask questions and discuss relevant issues about student development and higher education," the letter said.

The letter also stated, "We are confident that you will honor our request in the same way that we honored the Board of Trustees re-

"If representatives disagree with the executive board, they should speak up at the meeting. We are doing business; nothing in here is meant to be personal. Hopefully, everything will work out better next semester."

-Rashaand Sass '97, SGA President

quest for nominees regarding student representation on the search committee. There has been significant student participation in previous upper-level administrative searches, and we anticipate this continued support of your students."

The letter asked Muller for a definitive answer to the request by Jan. 3.

At the meeting, Bill Roberts, student representative on the Board of Trustees, said the Presidential Task Force met to discuss ideas on what to do with presidential candidates for the College when they arrive on campus next semester.

"We are still discussing these ideas," Roberts said. "We will have answers for you very soon."

Olga Shumklyer, Garden Apartments representative, will be tak-

ing Allyson Burley's place next semester on the President's Advisory Committee. Burley will be stepping down from her position to study overseas in London.

"I'm very happy to have SGA's support, and I hope to meet and exceed their expectations," Shumklyer said. "I will do my best to represent the students."

The results of a survey conducted by SGA's executive board were released at the meeting. The survey asked representatives to answer a few questions.

The first question was: what goals do you see for SGA?

Two answers were to bring communication from students to SGA and get immediate feedback and to serve the students.

"These are important things,"

Sass said "It shows that representatives don't just worry about them, but their fellow students as well."

The next question was: What should SGA focus on for next semester?

The main answer was the presidential search. Another answer was that SGA should take more action involving the issues and less time talking about them.

"We have discussed issues and got answers. If representatives have a concern with this, it should be brought up at the meeting," Sass said. "Many concerns take time to get a response, but overall we are fairly good about getting answers to our concerns."

Another question was: what should the SGA executive board be doing differently?

The representatives answered that they wanted to know what the executive board does on a daily basis.

"The executive board mentions people we have spoke to at the College, but not every representative knows who that person is," Sass said. "This is a learning expe-

rience for everyone, myself included. Representatives need to keep bringing up these issues."

The last question was: What is your main concern as a representative?

The answers were visibility and that, at times, the Budget Committee tried to influence people to think certain ways.

"If representatives disagree with the executive board, they should speak up at the meeting," Sass said. "We are doing business, nothing in here is meant to be personal. Hopefully, everything will work out better next semester."

Students will now be able to get more bucks for their school books by visiting SGA's book exchange on the World Wide Web at http://www.ithaca.edu/book_exchange, instead of the College Book Store.

Invented by SGA's Communications Committee, the exchange is a student-to-student service that will let students buy and sell their books.

Students can view the listing of books on the exchange by looking in the display case between the Snack Bar and Recreation Center.

WICB named finalist in Gavin radio competition

By Bryan Chambala
Ithacan Staff

Ithaca College radio station WICB has been chosen as one of five finalists in a national collegiate radio competition sponsored by the Gavin report, a college radio trade magazine.

"Gavin is an industry magazine that focuses on college radio stations," said Michael Powers, music director for WICB. "Every year, they choose five finalists for a national award recognizing excellence in college radio."

Finalists for the award are chosen using a system of ballots sent

out to major record label promoters and radio stations.

Selection as a finalist means that WICB is considered by the industry as one of the premier college stations in the nation.

Other finalists include stations from Los Angeles, New Orleans and Washington.

"Gavin is the elite magazine of college radio," Powers said. "Winning this award would be a great reward for tremendous year and a lot of hard work."

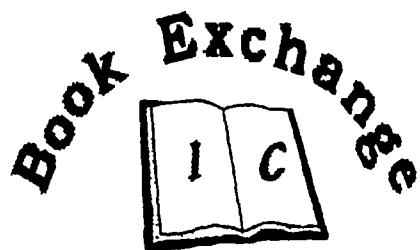
One winner will be chosen from the five finalists during the second week of February at a conference in New Orleans. If WICB wins the

award, they would be one of the first small market stations to receive this honor, Powers said.

"I'm delighted with the selection," said Chris Wheatley, faculty adviser to WICB.

"It is a testament to the hard work of our music and programming staffs," he said.

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Columbia grad closes page on 'great book' debate

By College Press Service

Thirty years after entering Columbia University, David Denby decided to take the same classes he took as a freshman.

But what inspired a 48-year-old man, with a wife, two kids and a crazed career schedule to return to his alma mater to retake the courses in Western classics he first took in 1961?

In short, Aristotle, Shakespeare, Virgil and Rousseau.

After spending several years observing from the sidelines the culture debates on college campuses, Denby, a prominent New York film critic, wanted to see for himself how relevant are the Western classics in the multicultural United States.

For the past decade, a debate has been raging on many campuses: what role should the Western classics play in the educating today's students?

Should groups formerly without much power—women, as well as minorities—be asked to read through a curriculum dominated by works of Dead White European Males?

Denby decided the best way to sort out these questions was to go to the front lines, the classroom, and read. "What was the actual experience of reading such books?" Denby said. "What did one get out of them? What pleasure, what anger, what excitement and anguish? Most of all, what was in them? How could they cause such rage in women, African-Americans, radical academics, and such complacent triumphalism in conservative male politicians? What were we talking about here?"

Denby spent a year at Columbia, retaking Literature Humanities and Contemporary Civilizations. The result is his new book, "Great Books, My Adventures With Homer, Rousseau, Woolf, and Other Indestructible Writers of the Western

World."

Though Denby said he came to enjoy his two semesters immersed in intensive reading, at first he found it a difficult adjustment. In his everyday course of reading to be informed, rather than be educated, Denby realized he was losing his ability to really read. He had lost the skill as well as the interest to savor the written word, to relish the companionship between reader and book. In addition, the furious flow and instantaneous access of news and popular culture from TV, movies, music and computer screens was not only numbing him but rendering him "inadequate," he said.

"I no longer knew what I knew. I felt that what I had read or understood was slipping away," Denby said. "I possessed information without knowledge, opinions without principles, instincts without beliefs."

Denby said he also was hesitant to rejoin the ranks of 18-years-olds, somewhat put off by the high level of stamina found in younger students, particularly when faced with the daunting task of reading hundreds of pages every week.

Pulling all-nighters was something he and his peers now did with insomniac babies, not Homer or Virgil.

But this reality and his other experiences he viewed as assets, and Denby said he looked forward to bringing his own maturity to books he had read 30 years ago.

As an undergraduate at Columbia University in the mid-1960s, Literary Humanities or Lit Hum, and Contemporary Civilization, known as C.C. were part of Denby's required core curriculum and are still mandatory for Columbia undergraduates.

The list of required reading has changed, though not enough to satisfy many who believe the "Great Books" do not address the ethnicity of the student population. Jane Austen and Virginia Woolf have

been added, but books such as "Paradise Lost" have been taken away.

The debate isn't exclusive to Columbia University.

A recent nationwide survey by the Higher Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles found that only 28 percent of the nearly 34,000 professors surveyed called the classic works of Western civilization "essential" or "very important" to the education of undergraduates.

Even at Columbia, where the classics are required reading among first-year students, the texts are not taught as canon.

"We teach them in a different way than we did 15 years ago," said Columbia University professor J.W. Smit. "Now we bring out the inconsistencies, the silences."

But Denby is fully supportive of Columbia's curriculum, terming it "superb."

"Men and women educated in the Western tradition will have the best shot at the daunting task of reinventing morality and community in a republic now badly tattered by fear and mistrust," he said. "These books...speak most powerfully of what a human being can be."

Denby's book describes his re-encounter with authors who have transcended time and civilizations. But what makes these books "great"?

Denby said he believes that great books correctly describe human nature, regardless of setting, and provide guidelines for living good lives.

These truths are interpreted differently by younger students, however, as they simply don't bring with them the knowledge of life experiences that older students do, said Denby.

Denby recalled that female students in one class were "horrified" that Dido would take her own life over a lost love.

Finals frenzy hits students prepare

By Pete Schmohl
Ithacan Staff

It's getting further into the week, and the work is adding up. "Do I even have time to read this article?" you ask yourself, and wonder how you ever got this stressed out.

For some Ithaca College students, however, stress is a thing of the past—thanks to an array of individual remedies.

"Swimming many yards a day usually relieves the stress of the day's work load," said Scott Pavlick '99, one of many students who find that exercise is a good way to work off the anxiety that comes with studying.

Mark Naparstek '99 said he dances to his favorite band, "The Monkees."

"Three words... Monkees dance party!" Naparstek said.

Other popular relaxation methods include the basics: sleeping and eating. Some students, like Jeff Tremlett '99, sleep, eat and then sleep again.

Courtney Millian '99 said she just eats, and if she has to go down to Wegman's to buy more food, she will.

The bars are also a common place to see students relaxing from a week of hard work.

"I go to the bars, particularly the Chapter House to get their homemade brew," Amy Madden '97 said.

Anthony Derrig '99 said, "I find drinking does the trick, along with what you do at 4:20."

If the usual intoxicants don't end your stress, listening to fast-paced music or screaming might help.

Imran Suleman '97 said he listens to some hard core extreme techno to relax.

"I scream and yell at my roommate," Sarah Pickett '97 said.

Ironically enough, she has noticed that "there seem to be more screaming matches at the end of the semester," she said.

For students like Nat Stahl '97, who haven't found any remedies for stress, the resident assistants on campus plan programs for stress release from Sunday to Wednesday night. "These range from regression nights, where students color and paint, to stress relief methods, which include breathing exercises," said resident assistant Stella Gilgur '98.

Whalen to stay on as military adviser

By Ithacan Staff

President James J. Whalen has recently been named to a second term as technical adviser to the Process for Accreditation of Joint Education. Whalen will continue to serve in a civilian role for the team, which reviews accreditation for joint education programs at the United States military academies.

Whalen also has agreed to serve on the Army War College's Board of Visitors. The board advises the War College on curriculum, teaching and operations.

Whalen has an extensive background in advising the military on educational matters.

He was previously a member of the Air University Board of Visitors from 1983 to 1990. He chaired the board from 1986 to 1988.

In 1990, Whalen won an Exceptional Service Award in recognition of his contributions to the Air University board.

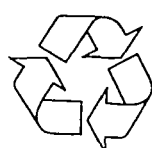
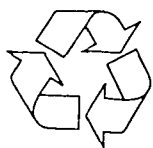


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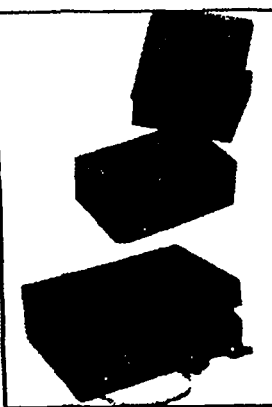
He was also a civilian consultant to the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Professional Military Education Review Panel in 1994.

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By Jennifer Battista
Ithacan Staff

Ithaca College's recent ranking among the highest in the nation for the number of students who study abroad has the College community wondering where and why students study abroad. The College was recently ranked 13th in 1994-95 by the Institute of International Education.

Amy Teel, director of the Office of International Programs, said that students from Ithaca College go all over the world studying abroad.

"The largest number of students go to our London Center, and the second largest number goes to our new program in Madrid," Teel said.

Teel added that while the London and Madrid programs are the most popular, they are not the only places where Ithaca students travel to study. Students can travel anywhere they want in the world, Teel said, and they do for all kinds of reasons.

"Other programs consistently picked by students are Italy, France and Australia," Teel said.

Teel explained that there aren't specific programs in these countries that students pick. Instead, she said, there are various programs which students can choose from.

Tanya Dommel '97 traveled to Tanzania, Africa, for the spring 1996 semester.

"I wanted to go to a Swahili-speaking country," Dommel said. "Plus, Tanzania is just beautiful."

Dommel said she lived with a family for three weeks, for one month on her own, and a month in between on a camp-out safari.

"I just knew what I wanted to do," Dommel said.

Dommel said that she found out about the program through Ithaca College's Office of International Programs, but it was affiliated with a different school, so she did a lot of the application work on her own.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life. It is a great way to meet new people and gain travel experience. You also gain new respect for another culture."

-Mandi Souk '97

Mandi Souk '97 said she went through the same process when she studied in Vienna, Austria, in the fall 1995 semester.

"The Office of International Programs gave me the core information, but I learned the specific information about the program on my own," Souk said. "I am a music major, and many composers came out of Vienna. It has a good history of music, plus a good location for easy access to both Eastern and Western Europe."

Alex Brown '97 and Stacy Solovey '97 both spent time studying in Sevilla, Spain. Even though they both went to the same place, they went for different reasons.

"I've been taking Spanish for eight years," Solovey said. "I know that I've always wanted to study abroad for my Spanish-speaking skills, and Spain has always been in my head. It seemed like the best place to go."

"I wanted to go to Spain for the culture," Brown said. "Plus, it helped my major, which is international business."

All of these students who have studied abroad recommend it to other students.

Brown said that it gives you a new perspective on the world.

Souk agreed.

"It was one of the best experiences of my life," she said. "It is a great way to meet new people and gain travel experience. You also gain new respect for another culture."

THE CHOICES, THE CHOICES



The Ithacan/ Kelly Burdick

Although students are busy studying for finals, some have found time for holiday shopping.

Phi Kappa Phi scholarships available to Ithaca students

By Ithacan Staff

Senior students in the Ithaca College Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi have the chance to compete nationally for fellowships for first-year graduate or professional study, according to a press release issued by the local chapter.

Fifty fellowships worth \$7,000 will be awarded to students throughout the nation, and 30 students will receive \$1,000 awards of excellence.

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Ithaca College has had two recipients of the fellowships in recent years. Ann Stewart '94, a music/mathematics student, and Pablo Cora '95, a music student, both won fellowships from Phi Kappa Phi, the oldest and largest national honor society for all academic areas of higher education.

To be eligible for this year's competition, students must have finished undergraduate work by fall

1997 and have not completed previous graduate work.

Criteria to be evaluated include academic performance, campus and community service, a personal statement and evaluation reports.

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Buddhist nun speaks of cultivating mind

Ithaca stop part of national tour

By Erin Negley
Ithacan Staff

Ani Tenzin Palmo grew up in a house in which her spiritualist mother performed seances to attempt contact with the dead each week. Throughout her early life, Palmo was always looking for the right religion. She knew there was something more than the goodness and kindness that is the basis of most religions. When she discovered Buddhism, she realized that cultivation of the mind was the missing part. She promptly moved to an Indian nunnery and started a 12-year retreat.

Palmo came to Ithaca on Dec. 10 as part of her United States speaking tour. She is speaking on issues of Buddhism to raise money for construction of a center for Buddhist nuns in India. The advertised topic for the Ithaca speech was women, Buddhism and mindfulness. However, Palmo said, "I will not bother to bring those three [topics] together. I will talk about the very fundamental divisions of Buddhism."

There are several rules of training in Buddhism. Not to take life is the first and most important one, Palmo said. Deprivation of life hurts people, which is connected to the second rule, not to harm.

Animals and insects are included in the non-harming rule. "The life is

the most precious thing [humans, animals and insects] have," Palmo said. An ant, as well as a human, will rear up and run away if it thinks someone is going to harm it and its life is in danger. No one should be harmed because "all beings want to be happy."

By not wishing to cause any harm, inner peace can be achieved, Palmo said. "We try to live in a way that is non-harmful, so people don't have to live in fear," she said.

Not participating in sexual misconduct is the third rule. "Conduct in no way should create problems in oneself or others," Palmo said. Rather, it should create harmlessness and happiness.

Not telling untruths is the fourth guideline, Palmo said. "We have to be very careful of our speech. Our words have an enormous effect," she said. However, telling the truth can sometimes be negative if people are hurt by the truth.

One should be truthful, helpful and kind, she said. Humans should not take our power of speech for granted and chatter away. Saying things that are not helpful is not necessary.

The fifth rule, which hits close to home among college students, is against intoxicants. Alcohol and drugs lower our inhibitions, Palmo said, and our finer qualities are not the ones that come out. Rather, the aggression, anger and stupidity come out. "Intoxicants lower the gate for our negative qualities to come out with no control," Palmo said.

After the guidelines were out-

lined, Palmo discussed the mind's role in Buddhism. She said that it is very interesting that our mind and the act thinking are the closest things to ourselves. The mind "is crazy and uncontrollable. It is like a drunken elephant, untameable and completely, absolutely mad."

"Our mind is full of chatter, judging, talking to ourselves, thinking of the past and future," Palmo said. Because our minds are so busy, it is hard to see past the surface of the unnecessary chatter. "When your mind calms down, one can see very accurately, without judgement. We can then see subtle layers of the mind and the sources of emotions. With a mind that is calm and clear, we can do something effective."

Addressing students, Palmo said, "As young people, now is a time to experiment and change. You can change inward now, and later on, you will be grateful."

"Some day you will ask 'what was it all for?'" said Palmo. "Everything in the end is our mind, whether we are happy, unhappy, successful, unsuccessful, able to cope or not able to cope."

By practicing Buddhism and the cultivation of the mind, we will be able to find security within, Palmo said. "It is not externals that will make you happy. It will not matter what happens to us externally, we will be fearless."

"Worldly success is fine, but that is not what life is all about," Palmo said. "We really want to benefit others, find out how to be the master of our own heart and how to make the mind more clear."



The Ithacan/Ryan Beiler
Ani Tenzin Palmo spoke to Ithaca College students Tuesday on the topics of Buddhism, women and mindfulness.

PBS to air Pro-Unit video featuring holiday concerts

By Michael Bornstein
Ithacan Staff

A holiday video entitled "Ithaca College in Concert: A Holiday Performance," featuring various student music groups from the Ithaca College School of Music, will broadcast on channel six WSKG on Dec. 24 at 9 p.m., said Carol Jennings, the producer and co-director of the video and a producer at Pro-Unit.

"The filming of this video has already been completed, and we are now in the process of editing it," Jennings said. "The video is very good."

Pro-Unit is a co-curricular part of the College's Park School of

Communications that provides students with professional film and video experience.

Student director Adam Kranitz '97 said the project was commissioned by the president's office and any proceeds made will go to the ICTV budget.

Kranitz said there are two parts to the video. The first part opens at President James J. Whalen's house. Whalen is seen coming downstairs, stopping at his Christmas tree.

He talks about Ithaca College traditions and then introduces the holiday concerts. The second part consists of the actual performances.

"It is a thrill for me that people are going to see my work outside of ICTV," Kranitz said. "I was sur-

prised at how well it turned out, but I couldn't have done it without my crew. It is easy for me to look good when the camera work looks good."

The effort the Pro-Unit crew put forth during the project was why the end product was a success, Kranitz said.

"The entire crew worked as hard as we could to make the video happen," Kranitz said.

The Pro-Unit program was extremely under pressure as the deadline for the production approached.

"It was a real busy weekend," Kranitz said.

But the work was worth the effort.

"I'm really excited," Kranitz said.

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CAMPUS SAFETY LOG

FRIDAY, NOV. 29 -
THURSDAY, DEC. 5, 1996

Anyone with any information regarding these entries is encouraged to contact the Office of Campus Safety. Unless otherwise specified, all reported incidents remain under investigation.

Friday, Nov. 29

■ A student was transported to the Cayuga Medical Center for treatment of an eye laceration suffered while playing basketball in the Hill Center.

■ A non-student reported damage to a vehicle parked in J lot, which consisted of a broken window and the theft of a stereo and personal property. It is believed the damage and theft occurred within the previous 24 hours.

Saturday, Nov. 30

■ No activity to report.

Sunday, Dec. 1

■ A complaint was filed regarding a Boothroyd Hall window that was broken over Thanksgiving break. Damage was caused by a shotgun slug.

■ A student reported returning to their room on the third floor of Terrace 12 after the Thanksgiving break and found that someone had tampered with their computer.

■ A student was referred judicially for causing damage to the lawn near Terrace 3 after driving off the fire lane area onto the lawn.

Monday, Dec. 2

■ A staff member reported that a non-community member suffered a leg injury after falling on ice on Nov. 27.

■ A student reported that their vehicle was struck by an unknown vehicle.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

■ Four non-resident students were referred judicially for attempting to dispose of solid waste in a College dumpster.

■ A staff member reported that someone tampered with their computer located on the third floor of the New Science Building.

■ The Ithaca Fire Department responded to Talkott Hall for a fire alarm. Cause of the alarm was determined to be a maliciously activated pull box near room 310.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

■ A staff member reported malicious damage to an exit sign located outside room 220 Holmes Hall.

■ A student reported receiving harassing/annoying telephone calls on their residence hall room phone.

■ A staff member reported damage to a plastic face plate located on the debit machine in the laundry room of Landon Hall.

■ A staff member reported locating flyers in a residence hall advertising an off-campus event.

■ A student reported that their vehicle's tire had been damaged while parked in L lot. It is unknown when the damage occurred.

Thursday, Dec. 5

■ A student was referred judicially for displaying a fraudulent decal on their vehicle while parked on campus.

■ A student reported that their vehicle's tire had been damaged while parked in L lot. It is unknown when the damage occurred.

■ A student reported receiving harassing written correspondence in the mail.

■ An underage student was issued an appearance ticket for the Town of Ithaca Court after being located in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

■ A student reported that an unknown vehicle struck their vehicle and left the scene. The incident occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m. this date while the vehicle was parked in L lot. The suspect vehicle is described as a small red car with a rear-window sticker that looked like a star.

Safety Tip

As the holiday season approaches, students are reminded that no open flames are allowed within residence hall rooms. Religious candles may be burned in designated areas on campus. Students are also reminded that only artificial trees are allowed within residence hall rooms.

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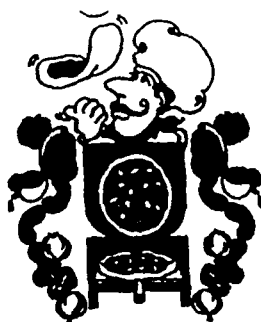
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THE ITHACAN'S VIEW

Information flow weak at College

If a member of the campus community, particularly a student journalist, attempts to gather information about Ithaca College from its administrators, chances are that person will encounter resistance. Over the past 12 months, the editorial board of this newspaper has learned that lesson. Practices and policies in many of the College's offices have made journalistic inquiry almost impossible.

These practices and policies start at the top—with the Board of Trustees. For two consecutive weeks in October, stories concerning the board ran on *The Ithacan's* front page.

The first story was a small preview of the meetings. For information for this story, a reporter contacted Nancy Pringle, liaison to the board. Pringle failed to return calls for two days before publication.

This action was inexcusable. Granted, Pringle is quite busy with her other duties as a vice president and college attorney. But she is the board liaison; her job is to represent the trustees to the public.

Gathering information about the meetings themselves was another matter. The board's meetings are closed to the public. This policy is misguided, but the board does have the right to set guidelines for its meetings and this newspaper has accepted them.

Given this circumstance, however, the board has an obligation to the community to provide information in a prompt manner after each of these meetings. The College should issue a press release Wednesday for meetings on a Tuesday, one Thursday for meetings on a Wednesday, and so on.

At Ithaca College, however, no information is provided until all of the meetings are over and the trustees have left town. This year, the College did not release board information for almost a full week after the meetings. Dave Maley, director of public information, explained that the College was simply not prepared to make information available before *The Ithacan* went to print.

Fortunately, Bill Roberts, the student trustee, was willing to discuss the meetings with *The Ithacan*.

The campus community should thank Roberts. He is one of the few administrators who respects the public's need and right to know about what the board does.

But Roberts should not be acting as the public voice of the board; Pringle and Maley should. In fairness to both of them, it should be mentioned that they follow orders about what information to provide and when to provide it. And from what has happened, these orders probably revolve around one premise: do not let the public know.

Other offices have also supported this philosophy. Two months ago, the Hammond Health Center issued a memorandum that stated reporters must submit questions to interview subjects 24 hours before they meet.

Larry Metzger, dean of enrollment planning, has departments under his direction follow a similar policy.

Many other administrators make reporters wait days and sometimes weeks for an interview.

All of these practices and policies make practicing journalism at Ithaca College difficult, but that alone should not be a concern for the college community. The public should expect journalists to work hard and actively seek the truth.

The campus community should be concerned, however, with the poor communication practiced by the College. A student, who pays tuition, and faculty or staff members, who commit their time, have the right to know how this institution operates. Right now, this right is ignored.

Perhaps with a new president, things will finally start to change.



LETTERS

Consultant behavior should be seen as exception - not rule

This is in response to Mr. Steven Baker's Dec. 5 letter to the editor regarding the service provided by Academic Computing and Client Services' consultants. I'm sorry that Mr. Baker observed a bad experience in a computer lab run by ACCS. We expect a high standard of service from the consultants who work in our facilities. It sounds like that was not the case here, and I apologize. All employees working for ACCS have a long and intense training session at the start of each semester where they go over not only how to do their jobs technically, but also how to be a good, patient and polite service provider. While his specific complaint may

be valid, the way he addressed the issue only served to demoralize a hard working staff of over 100 student employees. Publicly criticizing the student consultants as whole, rather than bringing this directly to the attention of ACCS, hampers our ability to correct these situations. Each consultant is required to wear a name tag so that every user in the computer lab should know the first name of the person assisting them. It would have been more beneficial to the entire campus community if Mr. Baker had come to ACCS directly and identified the person or persons providing poor service. Our goal is to give friendly, help-

ful service to any person in the computer labs. As a whole, consultants work very hard and try their best to assist everyone in what at this time of year is often a stressful environment. We always welcome comments from people who use our computer labs. If someone has a bad experience, it would be most helpful for he or she to contact me (or any ACCS staff member) immediately so we can make sure that the problem is corrected.

Wendy Buchman
Coordinator,
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As the Director of the Ithaca College Bookstore, I would like to respond to the letter, "Bookstore's Practices are Unfair to Students" in the Nov. 21 issue of *The Ithacan*. First, allow me to clarify the textbook pricing structure. All new books have an established price set by the publisher. For used textbooks, both the price you pay as the purchaser and the money you receive as the seller are governed by the used textbook wholesale market based on the wholesalers' used textbook guide and the demand for the book.

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College during the next term. Old editions have no resale value.

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LETTERS

Changes are in progress to improve dining service

We are writing this letter in regards to the article "Dining crowds anger students" that appeared on Nov. 7. We have been working with dining services over the past few weeks to try to get some new dining services policies implemented, namely longer dining hall hours, being able to use meals at B.J.'s, Subway and the Snack Bar, and possibly being able to receive guest vouchers for visitors. Student response to these ideas was very positive, as was the response from dining services. However, dining services director Howard McCullough brought up issues, mainly legal and economical, that hampered our progress towards our goals. For example, he explained that the dining halls are open from 7:00 am to 10:30 pm almost every day, except for three hours for resetting and clean-

ing. We are continuing to strive for some changes in the dining services, but we are urging the rest of the student body to also help. After the meeting with McCullough, he informed us that dining services would be willing to work with any group or individual to help improve student satisfaction in dining services. So again we urge you to go and get involved and try to make the changes you want! Or you can e-mail the four of us at: cgillet1@ic3.ithaca.edu.

Lynn Gallo '99
Chrissy Gillette '99
Chris Lucci '00
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Comments concerning IC's network are unwarranted

I would like to respond to Khalid Kamau's opinion of the forthcoming on-line registration system published in the Letters section of the Dec. 5 issue of The Ithacan. In particular, I take issue with Mr. Kamau's allegation that "IC's network sucks". Mr. Kamau's statement is a sweeping condemnation of a system which I suspect he knows very little about. It seems to be based on his experience with particular computers in public access labs and with his use of the e-mail system. There is far more to "IC's network" than what has met Mr. Kamau's eye. In fact, the IC campus network is a complex collection of miles of fiber optic and copper cabling interconnecting hundreds of electronic devices which provide thousands of connection points for personal computers (such as those in public labs), printers and information servers. The network extends to 31 of 54 campus buildings, eight of which are residence halls, with plans to complete connections to all buildings in 1997. What Mr. Kamau sees in his day-to-day interactions with the IC network is only the tip of the iceberg. To condemn the entire network based on a few unpleasant experiences with particular pieces of this complex system does not accurately portray its overall reliability. Furthermore, it is patently unfair to the many employees of the Office of Information Technology who work diligently to maintain and extend the IC network and enhance the services it provides.

Mr. Kamau's indictment of IC's network is based on unsubstantiated opinion and built on hypothetical scenarios of what he feels might occur in an on-line registration system.

A part of the charge of my office is to see to it that reasonable access is available for all students to the technology services which we offer. Many hours and a significant portion of the tight college budget Mr. Kamau refers to are spent in planning for and achieving this goal. The same expectations of reasonable access would apply to an on-line registration system, and I consider it a part of my responsibilities to see to it that these expectations can be met. Clearly, the scenario Mr. Kamau envisions would detract from the overall effectiveness of an on-line registration system, and should not be permitted to happen. In fact, strategies for avoiding exactly the situation Mr. Kamau describes are an integral part of planning for an on-line system.

Finally, Mr. Kamau's exaggeration that "our e-mail system breaks down more often than it rains here" would seem to imply that the Office of Information Technology should be drowning (similar hyperbole) in complaints about the system, which it is not. I invite Mr. Kamau or anyone else who feels that the services offered by OIT do not meet their needs to discuss with me ways to improve that service. I can be contacted by telephone at extension 4-3361, or by e-mail at efuller@ithaca.edu; use it, it works!

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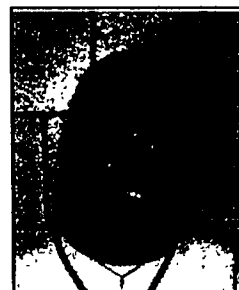
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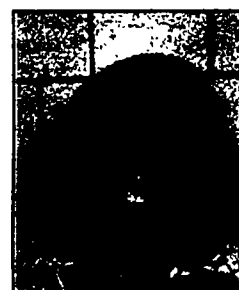
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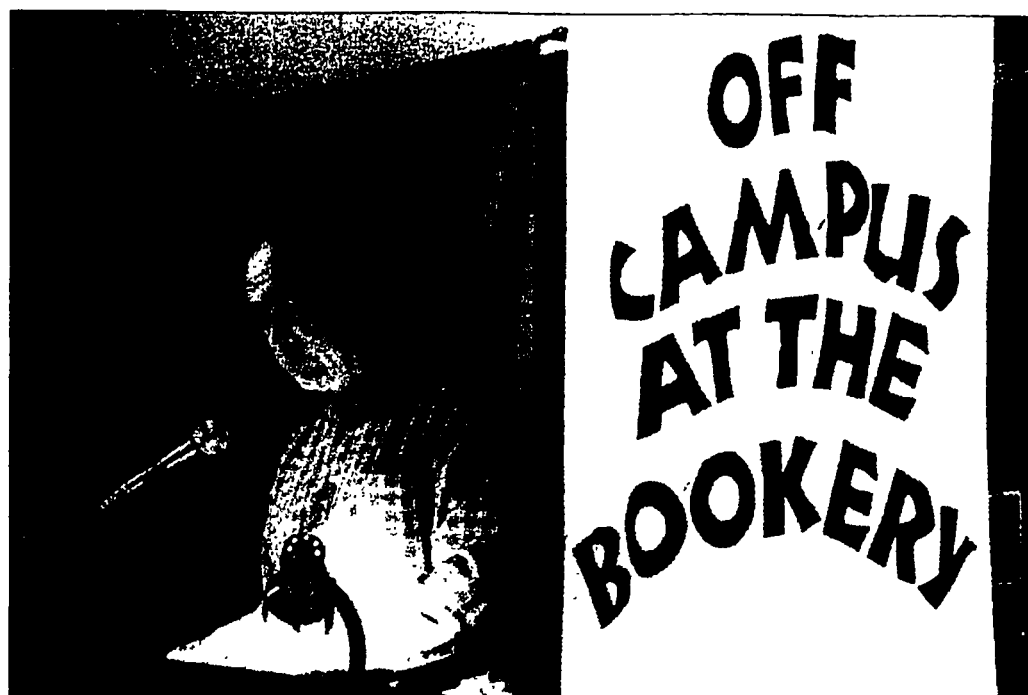
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Director of academic funding and adjunct professor of writing and English Paul Hamill will have two poems published in magazines in the next few months.

Poetic Justice



In the year of blue snow

In the year that had two winters
back-to-back, when even
the snow turned blue with cold
—the year when Paul found Babe
and thawed her but she stayed blue—,
words spoken out-of-doors
froze in the air, sifting
onto the ground with a noise
like sleet. The intended hearer,
spotting the flutter of lips,
cup both ears or lean
into a gale, but all
that was that soft spilling
of his own snort of frustration.

It was a long hard pull
scrawny turnings to live on,
onions black with mold
from far back in the cellar
Paul and the hunters found meat
to give around, often,
a herd of deer or cows
found frozen by surprise,
like statues on a lawn.
Hauled on log-sleds to dooryards
of farms, or placed as if staked
to graze on village greens.
Frugally shared,
they let the north survive.

—excerpt from Paul Hamill's "In the year of blue snow."

Ithaca College director
of academic funding
Paul Hamill finds
inspiration in his work

By Jessy Adams
Ithacan Staff

Paul Hamill, director of academic funding and adjunct instructor of English and writing at Ithaca College, was a graduate student at Stanford when he was first bitten by the writing bug.

In an attempt to get accepted into a prestigious writing seminar with the famous Professor Yvor Winters, he was required to submit a sheaf of poems he had written. Hamill slaved away at his poetry samples and eventually handed them in to the teacher.

"Winters was the fastest poetry reader I had ever seen," Hamill said. "He just flipped through the page. It appeared that he was hardly looking at the pieces."

Winters turned to Hamill, his glasses as thick as Coke bottles, and said: "These are as bad as possible. The meter, the rhythm, the ideas are all wrong."

"You need to start from scratch, used rhymed iambic pentameter, write with description, write what you see," the famous professor suggested.

Hamill took this advice to heart, and it clearly showed during his poetry reading Sunday at The Bookery. More than 70 people showed up to sit in plastic patio chairs and listen to Hamill and his friend David McCann, professor of Korean literature at Cornell University, read their work.

"I really enjoy reading my poetry aloud," Hamill said. "When I first started doing it, I felt very vulnerable but, over the years, I have come to relax and have fun. Poets have a small audience. By reading aloud to people, the important connections can be made."

Hamill introduced four of his longer pieces at the reading, including his poem "Whatever Everyone of a Friend," a piece about virtue. The audience listened to him intently, transfixed.

"I thought the readings were great," said one audience

member, Russ Wess.

"This is the first time I attended a reading here at The Bookery. It's nice to hear local poets reading. It's also nice to know that people in Ithaca are writing," he said.

Audience member James McConkey was especially impressed at how well the two poets played off each other. He thought both of their writings were moving.

"I almost prefer going to a reading where one writer plays off another," McConkey said. "It really adds to the vitality of it. There were some really fine phrases within some really good poems."

Hamill has been writing poetry ever since his encounter with Winters.

Looking back, he considers his meeting with him to be a educational and rewarding experience. Hamill's first piece was published in 1977, in a small South Carolina magazine called "Tinderblocks." The poem was entitled "Girl with a Kaleidoscope." He said seeing his work in print stimulated him to keep writing.

Hamill said he is drawn to poetry because it provides him with a connection to a world of very interesting people who are alive to the world around them. It also creates for him an intellectual life to call his own. Hamill said he tried to focus on a particular image or scene that eventually grows into a poem.

"Most of my poems in recent years have stemmed from a scene that sticks in my memory," Hamill said. "I half unconsciously meditate about it and eventually it becomes a poem about something, a feeling."

Hamill said his writing style has been fairly consistent thus far. He tends to prefer writing longer poetry to shorter prose.

"I take an idea, and I carry that one idea, using a thread of reasoning and argument, like an essay," he said.

The poem "In the year of blue snow," Hamill's most recent work, parallels his technique of stretching out an argument throughout a poem.

Based on the tall tale hero, Paul Bunyan, the poem explores the themes of communication and exaggeration within a community.

"I think it is interesting to hear people hear all the confused and random speeches of last year all at once. Also I thought about how people would react to complete silence," Hamill explained.

Hamill said he doesn't worry about people reading too

much into his work. He feels that sometimes even the poet misses underlying themes within his work.

"Sometimes you will write a poem about beets, cows, whatever, and there will be another layer of interest that might hook your attention," Hamill said. "You might not catch it right away, but others might see it. The writer doesn't always see everything initially."

Hamill is currently teaching a college writing course at Ithaca College. This class stresses academic writing and is less creativity-based. The students learn to use and understand books and articles well enough to think critically when writing.

In the past, Hamill has taught poetry writing classes. He has found it difficult to grade students' poetry because there are so many different styles and standards of acceptance within the writing genre.

"I try to give my students a revised version of Winters' advice," Hamill said.

"I encourage them to write things as plainly as they see them. They need to recognize if they can put these observations into words. What they see very literally, people will view as a poem," he continued.

Hamill also holds the position of director of academic funding at Ithaca College. He works with faculty and departments, helping them obtain grants and tariffs to support research and academic programs. He also seeks out federal and foundation grants and the occasional private gifts.

He said he felt that teaching and working on the administration are beneficially linked.

"My director position helps me when I am working with the faculty because I have an ongoing program of thinking and writing of my own," Hamill said.

When Hamill is not writing poetry or working at Ithaca College, his family keeps him happily busy, he said.

He has not had a book of his poetry published at this time, but two of his poems will be printed in magazines in the next few months. "When the Baccantes Have Passed, Forest Noises Retain The Music" will be published in the poetry magazine "Negative Capability," and his poem "The Cow-nose Ray" will be printed in "The New England Quarterly."

ACCENT ON...

Julie Novalle

Sociology '97



- **Born:** Cancer
- **Accomplishment you are most proud of:** that I know Forrest
- **What would you be doing if you weren't a student at IC:** teaching lessons on social graces
- **Secret vice:** chocolate
- **What I'd like to get around to doing:** a strip show in the snack bar
- **Things you can do without:** women who hate women
- **Person you'd most like to have dinner with:** Woody Allen
- **Who would play you in a movie:** Dolly Parton (with smaller breasts)
- **What TV show you wouldn't miss:** "Absolutely Fabulous" and "The Simpsons"
- **Three things that can always be found in your refrigerator:** hummus, Britta water and an international selection of cheeses
- **Ithaca's best kept secret:** Colin Brown's curry
- **Your biggest pet peeve about Ithaca:** hippies who drive expensive cars
- **People may be surprised to know that I:** am really a man

R.A.s re-evaluate their position

By College Press Service

Being a resident assistant on a college campus used to mean acting as a big brother or sister to younger students.

Duties included refereeing disagreements over loud music, handling homesick freshmen and reprimanding drunken mischief such as cherry bombs launched down a commode.

Today, with increasing social problems and violence on campuses, RAs are dealing with problems such as drug abuse, rape and, in rare cases, murder.

Earlier this fall, Jay Severson was just doing his job as an RA at Purdue University when he was shot to death. He had reported freshman Jarrod Eskew to university police for cocaine possession. Eskew shot Severson and then committed suicide.

This incident, while extreme, has shaken up many RAs and has them questioning whether the job is worth the free room and board.

"Quite honestly... it scared the shit out of me," said Kelly Messick, a resident director, who supervises RAs at the University of Oregon. "I look at my staff and think, they are there 24 hours a day, and we ask them to be part of their students' lives. But there is so much uncertainty about what could happen from day to day."

Violence on campus is increasing. A national study by "The Chronicle of Higher Education" found a 26.3 percent increase in homicide in 1994, the largest increase for any crime on campus.

Often, it is the RA who deals with the underlying emotional problems that may lead to these homicides, or the trauma of their aftermath on fellow students.

"Housing operations all over the country are asking undergraduates to be on the 'front lines' of students' lives and the issues that we are asking them to face are enormous," said D.J. Morales, director of residential life at the University of Oregon.

"I think that in a lot of ways the RA position has become more counselor and mediator because of the complex issues that are coming in," Messick explained. "RAs are not just going to plan programs and go out for pizza. We are asking them to deal with more substantial issues as well."

This doesn't mean RAs haven't had to face tough problems in the past. While the days of monitoring midnight curfews in women's dorms may be a thing of the past at most colleges, certainly drugs, alcohol and sex are not new issues, particularly when you think of the 1960s.

"Back then alcohol was more acceptable; we were riding the lib-

eral '60s. Now the legal drinking age is 21—back then it was 18," said Lorna Hirae, director of campus life at the United States International University in San Diego.

But changing the legal drinking age has actually given campus officials less control over alcohol and its abuse, they said.

Administrators used to be able to monitor students' drinking in public settings. But now underage students drink behind closed doors—often in the dorm room—the RA's domain.

"I think the issues of drug abuse and alcohol experimentation have been around for 30 plus years—that's nothing new," Messick said. "What we are seeing is an increase in mental health issues. On this campus this year, I don't know if it's a coincidence or trend, we are dealing with folks that may be on medication, or not taking their medication, in which case we may be dealing with behavior that affects the community."

"This is a place that people feel like they can send their [children] to, and we'll take care of them. It puts a burden on us because we are not a mental health treatment center. We are not trained to monitor medication," Messick added.

Morales also emphasizes that RAs are not trained counselors.

"They need to work on being good listeners and great at referring folks to the appropriate places," he said.

The breakdown of the traditional family is one of the reasons there are more students needing help. This also has contributed to a change in attitude towards authority.

Still, real violence in the residence halls is rare.

"It is always a concern to our staff," Morales said. "But I don't believe this concern has reached epidemic proportions to the extent that staff quit for their safety."

More often, RAs are called upon to use their training in mediation to help students deal with disputes before things get out of hand.

"Part of this is the litigious nature of our society—I want what I want when I want it. It can be a little hard to overcome when you are building a community of 60-plus residents and trying to work together," Morales said.

"I don't think people are teaching coping skills anymore," Messick said. "I am doing a lot more conflict resolution stuff and dealing with uncivil behavior, such as people trashing the building, people confronting each other in a real hostile manner—a lack of politeness even, if you want to be so quaint."

At the University of Virginia (U.Va.), the administration and RAs are responding to a surge in student-life complaints from students and their parents.

"Students apparently spend so much time in front of computers or interactive video games that they lack social skills," said Ida Lee Wootten, a U.Va. news officer.

She said, "[When] Johnny plays his stereo too loudly in his dorm room, it often doesn't occur to his neighbors to knock on Johnny's door and ask him politely to turn the music down."

Instead, she said, students are increasingly voicing anger and frustration over such normal campus experiences to the RAs. This has led U.Va. to launch student-orientation programs that teach students how to cope with one another.

Entering students also are told they must be accountable for their own actions, and this message is sent to their parents.

When a student is accepted to U.Va., the administration sends the parents a letter suggesting they talk to their children about social responsibility before they arrive on campus.

"Parents have thanked us for suggesting what topics to discuss with their children," said Robert Canevari, U.Va.'s dean of students.

The threat of lawsuits also has changed the way RAs are trained to do their jobs. Since the RA is often the first to respond to any incident, they have to understand the laws regarding issues such as privacy, date rape and more.

Most campuses now give RAs intensive training so that they fully understand their role and the university's vulnerability. When there is a lawsuit, RAs must often testify.

"RAs [today] definitely have a better understanding of legal issues, especially liability, than we ever did as undergraduates," Morales said.

But some speculate that the problems RAs face now are not new, just more visible. Raechele Pope, a Teachers College professor at Columbia University and specialist in educating student-life officials, was an RA two decades ago.

She said that even then she was dealing with pretty serious issues, but what has changed is the sheer volume of work. She noted that counseling centers used to have to go in search of students needing help. Now those centers have long waiting lists from students coming to them.

"It may be that today's students are more likely to seek help because there is not the stigma attached that there once was," she explained. "There are also more college students."

John Sloan III, a criminologist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, also said he wondered whether there are more problems on campus now than in the past.

"We don't have any baseline

data, so we don't know over time what's happening, if colleges are becoming more dangerous or less dangerous. Maybe they used to have to deal with these issues, but now it is in the spotlight," he said. "People are more willing to talk about this stuff than they used to be; in the past, victims weren't coming forward. It may not be that there's more of it. It may be students are more willing to come forward and talk about it," he added.

Overall, Messick feels that we are "just turning up the volume" on these social issues that have always been there. "I don't think there's anything out there that we haven't seen before; we are just seeing more of it. If I have a bulimic student on a hall, we now know how to handle it. We wouldn't be shocked and say, 'Oh my gosh, we have someone who's bulimic.'"

No matter what they face, most RAs say they still like their job. Lafayette College senior and RA Melissa Wallace said, "A resident advisor has to be a listener, advisor and friend, not just a security officer."

Wallace said she believes it's her job to educate fellow students on how to take care of their own needs as adults because "a lot of growth comes from learning to live with other people."

She also enjoys other aspects of the job, such as putting together interesting activities or hosting a multicultural dinner.

"The job takes creativity, time and patience," Wallace said. "I really have a passion for people and for helping students learn. This is my niche on campus."

Tania Bruus, an RA at the U.S. International University, is also enthusiastic about her work. "It has been a very good challenge. We help people with all kinds of problems, just about anything you can come up with, even to helping report a plant!"

Messick said she has learned to deal with the challenges as they come.

"I feel like I live in a day-to-day world where someone can call and say we have a depressed student in a dorm that might be suicidal. We deal with it, and it almost becomes normal. My parents have no clue what I do for a living. When they ask what I did today I say, 'Well I had a suicidal student,' and they just can't imagine it."

"It's hard for me to judge what's escalated and what's different now because that's what we do all the time, seven days a week—deal with student issues," she said.

And Messick has no intention of stopping her work any time soon. "In spite of all the weirdness that happens, there's no better place I think to really have an impact on student lives than where they live."

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Ithaca grad happily lives on \$100 a month

By Kelly Burdick
Ithacan Staff

On the inner city streets of Washington, D.C., crack dealers lurk, prostitutes sell themselves and unsafe trash crowds nearly every inch of pavement. Meanwhile, children are trying to walk to school to get an education.

Once they get to school, they are faced with more problems from overworked and underpaid teachers. Some report cards from D.C. schools have reached single-sentence responses like "Vatanya is lazy."

In all of this, it is difficult to understand how the children can ever really learn anything but survival.

However, Suzanne Rivett '96, a recent graduate from Ithaca's speech pathology program, is trying to make these children's lives better.

"You are so needed out in the streets of our country," Rivett said Monday at a speech for students interested in volunteering their time.

Rivett decided to go where few college graduates tread. Instead of searching for graduate schools or finding one of the many available high-paying jobs, Rivett searched for a volunteer program that she could take part in.

At the end of her year-and-a-half-long search, Rivett finally decided to join the forces of Quest, a program that places volunteers in American cities working for children.

"My deepest wish is for someone who wants to volunteer to not have as hard of a time as I



The Ithacan / Dana Brainerd
Suzanne Rivett '96 speaks of the volunteer opportunities that await college graduates.

Rivett said that it is indeed a culture shock from her upbringing in Springfield, Mass., and the Ithaca College experience. The shock is worthwhile to her, however, and even though she only makes \$100 a month, she said she is still living well.

She suggested that students get involved early in their college careers because the more experience, the better off one is. Those who attended the speech gave the many options available for students in Ithaca to get involved.

"I have a definite intent in doing something, but I'm not sure what it will be," Matthew Abrams '99 said after he heard Rivett speak. "I have already helped out in soup kitchens and with my high school peer education events."

Jeff Claus, assistant professor for the Center for Education, attended the speech and supports Rivett's choice to volunteer.

He also said he felt that more students should be involved in volunteering while in school.

"How do you create more 'Suzannes' in college?" Claus asked. "We need to teach more in such a way that's connected to make the world a better place."

Rivett headed back Tuesday morning to try to make her world a better place.

Her program lasts until the end of August, so her encounters with society's problems will continue.

"I would much rather live the life of an idealist than someone who has given up in the world, because when you give up hope, you stop creating," she said.

For crying out loud

Midnight scream tradition to continue

By Dayna Goldberg
Ithacan Staff

The music of Lenny Kravitz is blaring. A crowd of more than 100 is screaming. A man is stripping. No, this isn't a scene from this summer's HORDE festival. It is a scene from Ithaca College's midnight activities during finals week.

A student known as "Hector," who willfully strips in public, has made it his duty to entertain his fellow students during this stressful time. Dozens of people crowd in front of Lyon Hall to see his "show," in which he plays music and teases the audience by removing his clothing, but not fully. He wears his special heart-covered boxer briefs, he said.

"I am a good pole rider," Hector said, referring to his dancing against a pole in front of the residence hall.

Friends of Hector unanimously attest to his great stripping abilities. "He is a better striptease than most people at strip clubs," said one friend, who, like others interviewed, did not wish to be named.

This scenario is not a peculiar one during the week of finals. Some students say it is necessary to have stress relievers to ease their tensions. "The midnight scream" is an unofficial tradition of the College in which students scream out of their residence hall windows to relieve stress during finals. There has been mixed reaction to this activity.

"Personally, I think it is okay," said Bob Holt, director of campus safety. "It is a good way to relieve stress. We do not discourage the screaming, but we do discourage if vulgar and obscene things are being screamed."

Residence Assistant Allison MacLagger '99 had a different view on the subject. "I think it is ridiculous," she said. "It is a potential for

something very bad to happen."

MacLagger said screaming during this time could be dangerous. If someone was being attacked or raped, nobody could hear him or her because everybody on campus would be screaming, she said.

To divert students from screaming, most residence halls have programs to relieve stress for the students. Some have had Play-Doh and games of Twister, or offered pizza and other refreshments. "Programs are a positive alternative to screaming," said one Resident Director. "It is a good stress reliever, a break from studying and a good source of social interaction."

One residence hall president thought of a different way to distract students from the regular midnight ventures. He rented a pornographic movie and showed it in the lounge, he said. "Sixty-five students showed up to watch the porno," he said. "It was a program to deter people from getting in trouble, and it did."

In the past, there has not been a lot of problems with students getting out of hand, Holt said. A student stripping in the middle of the quad would be a legitimate reason for campus safety to take action, but if nobody is being hurt or in danger, it is okay, he said.

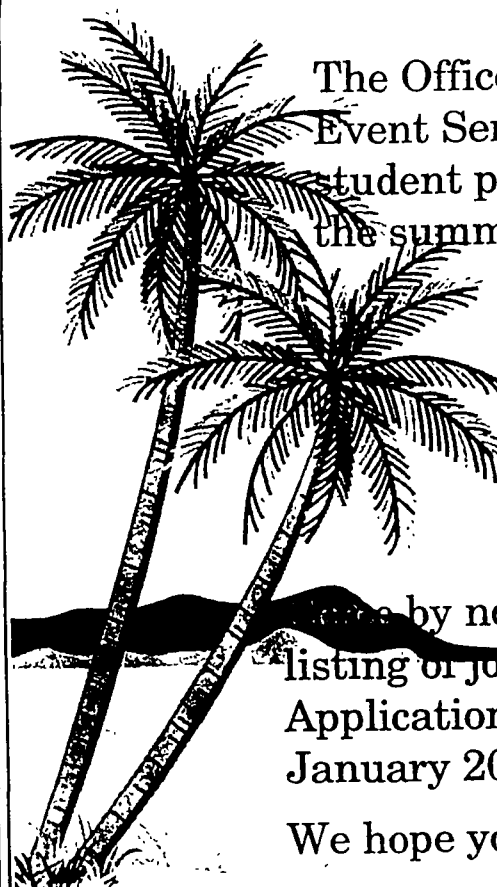
"Students usually conform to our requests when they are confronted, so it is usually not a problem," Holt said.

Despite Hector's performance, he did not get in any trouble.

"Three cop cars came so I pulled off my pants and they didn't have a clue what to do," Hector said. "Security could not do anything because there were too many of us, and we were way out of control."

"We do it for the rush," Hector said. "It gives everyone a nice break from studying."

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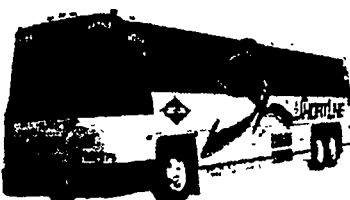
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Student Home Pages starts résumé index

By Christina V. Tormey
Ithacan Accent Editor

Forget that nice, heavy paper in the perfect shade of cream and laser printing. Now students can save a tree and post their résumés on the Web.

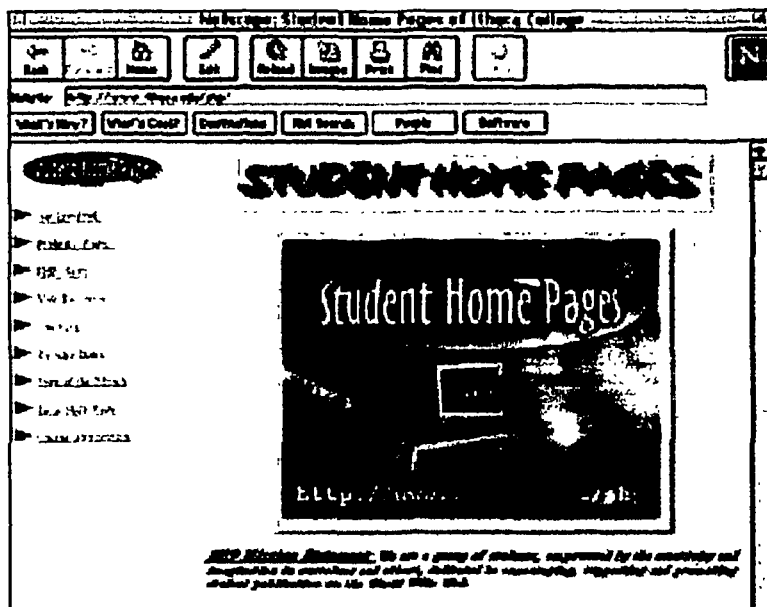
Student Home Pages, with the Office of Career Planning and Placement, has set up a résumé index for SHP members.

"We set it up to show students' interactive résumés on the Web," said Craig Bloem '97, president of the club.

The club, which started last year, has just begun to promote the service. Fourteen SHP members now have their résumés posted in the index, said Randy Knight '99, who is in charge of updating names on the page and overall design.

"We haven't gotten a lot of interest because we haven't really started to promote it yet," Bloem said. "But we're planning on a big promotional drive at the beginning of next semester."

The Office of Career Planning



Courtesy of Student Home Pages
The résumé index can be found at <http://www.ithaca.edu/shp/>.

and Placement will also promote the service to outside employers.

"There's potential to be seen by employers all over the world," said Aaron Mendelson '99, vice presi-

dent of marketing, advertising and special promotions.

The résumé index is broken down into the five schools—Business, Communications, Health Sci-

ence and Human Performance, Music and Humanities and Sciences. From there, Web surfers may choose from a variety of disciplines or majors.

"This is so you don't have to limit yourself to a certain major if you have other skills," Knight said.

For example, Bloem, a business marketing major, has his résumé listed in the following fields: advertising, integrated marketing and communication, corporate communications, computer information science, business management, marketing and sales.

Bloem first came up with the idea last semester. With help from Chantelle Keller, a systems programmer at Academic Computing and Client Services, they were able to put the page up at the end of last semester.

"As far as we know, this is the only program of its type—a comprehensive Web page of résumés from a single school," Mendelson said.

Students interested in posting their résumés on the index must be

members of SHP. However, the group is planning to post non-members' résumés in the future, Bloem said. Students interested will have to give SHP copies of their résumés on disk. They will be charged a small fee, which will serve as fundraising for the group for future projects and services.

Currently, Student Home Pages offers both introductory and advanced HTML classes through ACCS.

It is the only place Ithaca College students can set up home pages at no cost. SHP also provides technical support services, including a HELP network for members who are having trouble learning how to post a page.

To further the advancement of Ithaca College students, Mendelson said they also hope to set up a networking system through an alumni newsgroup.

The service would allow students and alumni to network by searching for former students by major, geographic location or year of graduation.

Model U.N. prepares for February competition

By Gretta Nemcek, Pete Schmohl and Yesenia Rivera
Ithacan Staff

The Ithaca College Model United Nations Club began research this month on Italy to prepare for intensive competition against both national and international teams.

The 20-member club is striving for a comeback. The team members said they have hopes of improving on their second-place finish at last year's Harvard National Model United Nations. The conference will be held in mid-February at Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

The club was organized 15 years ago when students asked Professor Martin Brownstein of the politics department to advise them.

"The students heard about the Harvard conference and wanted to get IC involved," said Beth Dawson '97, a returning member.

The team is composed of Ithaca College students who have an interest in learning about different cultures through government and policies that are practiced by the United States and other governments, said Larry Decker '97, also a member of the group.

Dawson and three other students collaborated in the selection process for new delegates for the club and competition. The group read and evaluated each candidate's ap-

plication. A unanimous vote by the four-person group and Brownstein secured candidates a spot on the team.

The returning members composed a top 10 list of the countries they could possibly represent and sent it to Harvard for approval, Dawson said. Their top choice was Italy.

Other countries listed included Sri Lanka and South Korea. Harvard examines the choices and selects one of the 10 for the College to represent.

Criteria for choosing a country includes size and number of positions available on independent committees.

"Ithaca College tries to look for countries with the most committee assignments but that are, at the same time, relatively small in nature," Decker said.

The group chose Italy because it has available seats on the International Security Council and the Court of Justice, two major committees for such a small country.

The group had to choose a small country because of the lack of club funding. The students are planning to send 17 delegates to the Harvard conference in February, leaving only three students as alternates.

The team is then divided into working committees such as the World Health Organizations, the

Historical Security Council and the International Court of Justice.

During competition, delegates are broken down into committees whose main goal is to find resolutions to pressing problems facing their country.

Two students from Ithaca College represent Italy in each committee. These committees vary in number, size and issues, Dawson said.

"Some committees demand extensive knowledge of political or legal background," Michele Moritis '99 said.

The selection group looks for commitment and strong debating skills from each candidate.

"It's extremely challenging to get up in front of a group of 300 people to represent your country," Moritis said.

The World Health Organization committee, like that of the real committee of the United Nations, is working on the AIDS crisis in Italy. The committees also make decisions that will affect the entire globe with general international issues not specific to Italy.

Decker is the only Ithaca College student on the International Court of Justice.

He said his role will be very different from those on other committees.

"I would be an Italian citizen

sitting on an impartial panel of judges," he said. "The [International Court of Justice] gives me a much better insight about how the court works."

Italy only required 17 delegates, which was an attainable number for the group to send financially. A higher number of delegates enables the club to represent a larger country.

"If we could afford to send 40 people to the conference, we would," Decker said.

The group is co-sponsored by Dean Howard Erlich and the Student Government Association.

"It's a privilege to sponsor an organization that does so much for Ithaca College's name and reputation," said Jeff Bourke, vice president of business and finance for the SGA.

SGA raised 88 percent of the budget for Model U.N., but it wasn't enough to send more delegates.

In order to represent Italy, delegates are starting research now. Team members go over to the Cornell library weekly to find information about Italy.

"We are going to do historical research on Italy from the reign of Mussolini up to today," Decker said. "We operated essentially just like the United Nations would operate."

Dheeraj Verma '00 is on the

Economic and Financial Committee.

Verma hopes this will help in his future career in the field of the computer mathematics by giving him some insight into the economic and business decision-making processes of the United Nations. Verma said he would like to get his master's degree in business; attending this conference is the first step in attaining that goal.

Other students are excited about the conference as well. Shannon Welch '99 participated in the Model U.N. program in high school.

"It gives you an opportunity to practice your debate skills and work with intelligent people from all over," Welch said.

Dawson is enthusiastic about the upcoming year.

"It is the perfect opportunity to get involved in both human and political events and hammer out solutions to political turmoil, starvation, AIDS and world health," Dawson said.

A group of students from the club are planning a trip to New York City over winter break to visit the United Nations Building. They will be discussing some of their issues with the Italian delegate.

They also plan to attend two smaller conferences in Pennsylvania and New York before the Harvard conference.

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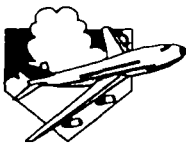
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Happy holiday hit lists

By James Sigman
Ithacan Staff

Before you read this, I feel I must offer some sort of warning. My musical tastes differ greatly from those of your average college student. Therefore, you will see no mention of Beck, R.E.M., Rusted Root or Pearl Jam in the following recap of what I believe to be the best discs of 1996. Sorry. Pick up "Spin" or "Rolling Stone." They might have what you're looking for. Now that all that messy stuff is out of the way, I'll move on.

Much has been made about the future of rock music. Some believe we are at an all-time low, while others contend music has never been as good as it is today. While I tend to put my belief somewhere in the middle, an album like Los Lobos' "Colossal Head" makes me think the future might be a little brighter than I expected. Go ahead and snicker if you must. Maybe the only exposure you've had to Los Lobos is their contributions to the soundtrack to the film "La Bamba." Trust me, they're much more than that. "Colossal Head" finds the band from East Los Angeles exploring jazz, blues, funk and rock in a CD that doesn't have one disappointing track.

The album features some inspired playing from guitarist David Hidalgo, especially on "Mas Y Mas," a blues-influenced rocker that is one of the many highlights. The beautifully-written "Revolution" and the hypnotic "Life Is Good" also give reason why this CD should be required listening for all people who like good rock and roll.

Those who like a little country mixed in with their rock should seek out Steve Earle's "I Feel Alright," the second album Earle has released since a prison term he served several years ago. "I Feel Alright" is widely believed to be Earle's best work in quite some time. The incredibly catchy "More Than I Can Do" features Earle taking the Bob Dylan route with an impressive guitar and

harmonica attack. In the haunting "CCKMP," Earle admits that "cocaine cannot kill my pain," an impressive admission from a man dedicated not to repeat the mistakes of his past. The album closes with a beautiful, upbeat duet between Earle and Lucinda Williams on "You're Still Standin' There."

Also in the country-rock vein is Todd Snider, whose second album "Step Right Up" contains both roadhouse rockers and slower laments. While the slower stuff is good, Snider and his band the Nervous Wrecks really excel on songs like "Side Show Blues" and "Late Last Night." On these tracks, lead guitarist Will Kimbrough shines, giving the songs that intense roadhouse feel. Both Snider and Earle prove with these albums that country shouldn't be seen as a dirty word anymore.

If you're looking for 1996's best compilation, look no further than "In Their Own Words, Volume 2," a collection of songs taken from shows at The Bottom Line in New York City. Unlike most compilations, this one contains an excellent variety of musicians ranging from Jill Sobule to Pete Seeger.

Much like the first volume, this effort showcases musicians who might escape the public eye. It also enables the listener to hear musicians in an informal setting, as the songs are taken from a writers-in-the-round show. This disc alerted me to the talents of Billy Bragg, whose "To Have And Have Not" is the most entertaining song on the album, as Bragg interrupts it to make commentaries on socialism, anarchists and Green Day.

These are not the only good discs released this year. Dick Dale's album in particular is impressive, if only for the fact that it proves that surf guitar instrumentals can still be entertaining.

Of course, this is just one man's opinion. However, as we all know, if something's printed in a newspaper, it must be true. And, after all, well, you know what I'm trying to say. I'm only kidding. Maybe.

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Patriotic promises

One of season's few comedies rates high

By Scott Kanter
 Ithacan Staff

'Tis the season.

For the last few weeks of every December, studios rush to get their best dramas out, hoping for Oscar recognition. This year is no exception to the rule. Madonna will sing her heart out in "Evita," James Woods will play the racist killer of civil-rights activist Medgar Evers in "Ghosts of Mississippi" and Kenneth Branagh will make his "Hamlet" into an epic of mammoth proportions. Not a lot of room for comedies this winter, because studios know they won't bring home the gold.

There are only three comedies that studios will expect you to see just so they can reap the profits. One is Tim Burton's "Mars Attacks" with an all-star cast, which should prove to be a wacky romp as aliens take over our country. Unlike this summer's "Independence Day," this film is actually meant to be funny. Hoping to cash in on the teenage audience, MTV will bring its hit cartoon "Beavis and Butthead" to the big screen as well. But will audiences actually pay money to see the dense duo do America? The next film promises to cover every audience in between: "My Fellow Americans" is definitely worth checking out.

James Garner and Jack Lemmon play two bitter presidential candidates that have both won one election against each other and have been feuding ever since. Now Dan Aykroyd, who beat Garner in the latest election, is president, and a conspiracy about him develops in the oval office. So what does he do? He does what any former American president would do: put the blame on someone else. Only this time it involves his past predecessors, who now find themselves working together to clear themselves.

This hysterical comedy didn't look too promising in the ads, but surprisingly it works well and is nicely performed. I haven't laughed

MOVIE REVIEW

My Fellow Americans

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Starring Jack Lemmon, James Garner and Dan Aykroyd

The Ithacan rates movies from 1 (worst) to 10 (best)

so hard in a very long time—there are some very memorable scenes and lines here. For instance, you may not find the scene of the vice-president accidentally hitting a golf ball at someone funny. It isn't. Like most scenes in this movie, it's what's said after the scene that is funny. He tries to be genuinely apologetic but comes off badly. This is how the movie is. The humor lies in the script, not in the action.

About one-half of the movie contains sarcastic and silly zingers being tossed about from Garner and Lemmon, and while at times this may get tiring, they manage to pull it off. They have that kind of chemistry that makes this film work. Without it, the film would just be a mess. The only time it really doesn't work is when they curse at each other, because let's admit it: that really isn't funny. Yet, the quick editing and directing work well and help move the picture along.

Yes, there's overkill "Macarena" jokes here. Yes, there's some slapstick humor that's cheesy. There's a scene in a restaurant that doesn't work with the film, but it's funny anyway. Yes, you can argue that this film is like "Grumpy Old Men" meets "Nixon." But despite its flaws, it still manages to work.

So, I encourage you to see it. In this season of sappy romances and electrically charged dramas, it's important you maintain your sanity and have a good laugh. So, like the big guy in the red costume, bring out the egg nog and enjoy "My Fellow Americans."



STAR TREK: FIRST CONTACT

Rating: 9

■ Why are the only good "Star Trek" films even numbers? Who knows? This eighth installment is an exciting and fun adventure with only the "The Next Generation" crew. They battle their toughest opponent—the Borg. Picard decides the line must be drawn here and has to save planet Earth and our future. But can he defeat his worthy adversaries? Jonathon Frakes, who plays William Riker, does a wonderful directing job on this daring, action sci-fi film. There are great moments here that will have you laughing and roaring with excitement. The special effects and make-up are nothing short of amazing. For "Star Wars" fans, there's a seven-minute trailer for the "Special Edition" films being released next year. Engage!

THE ENGLISH PATIENT

Rating: 10

■ The hype is true—this may be the best film of the year. Basically, it is a love story set against the backdrop of World War II, but there's much more here. This film makes you think, or else you won't solve the puzzle that unravels at the end through use of flashback and memories of a badly burned and deformed pilot (Ralph Fiennes). Every aspect of this film is amazing, from the music to the cinematography—you'll love it.

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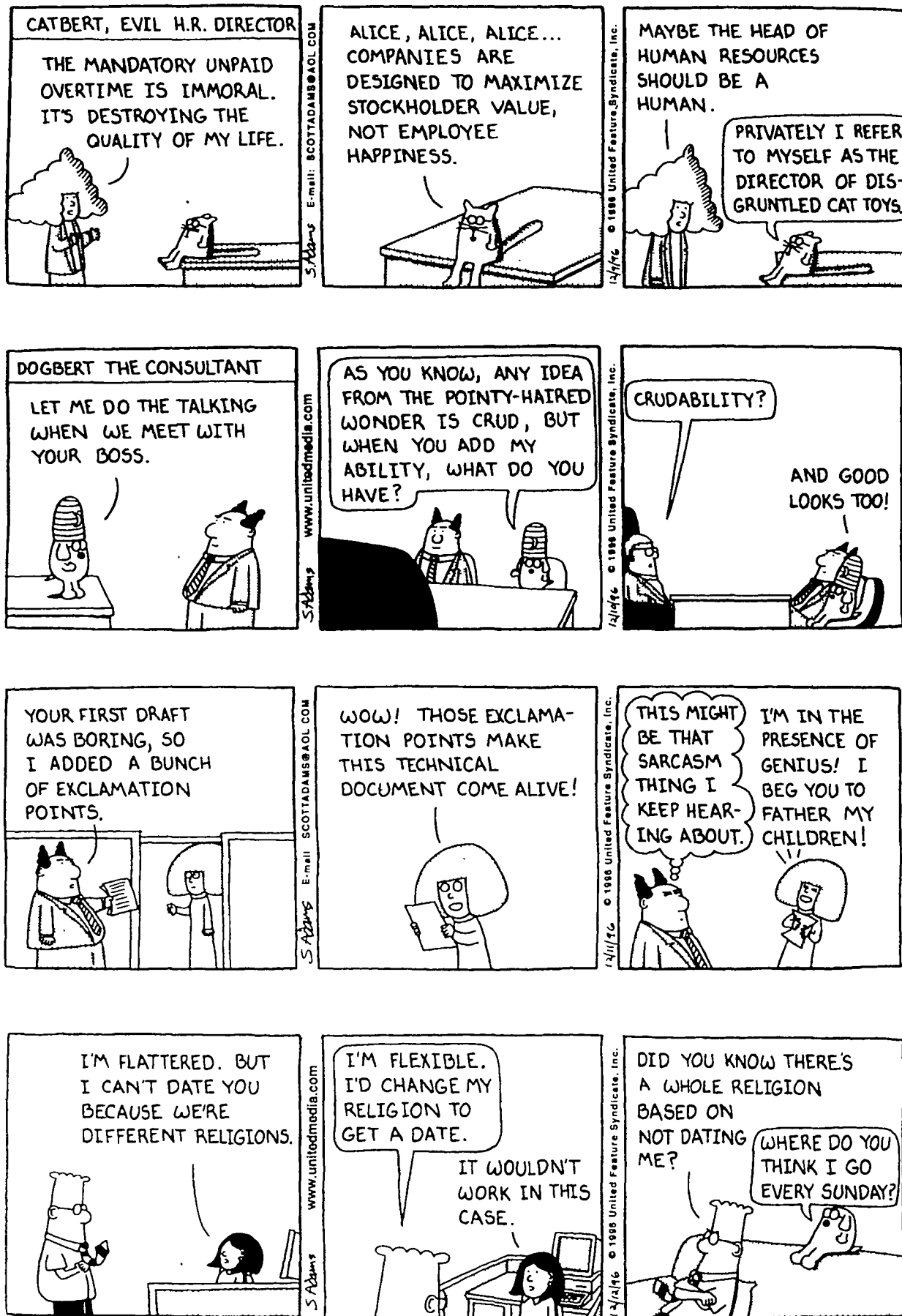
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Pritchard's club rolls

Women take third straight, 67-33 over Lakers

By Jay Miller
Assistant Sports Editor

The Ithaca College women's basketball team has won its last three games, improving its record to 4-2 after Tuesday's 67-33 romp over Geneseo.

A 3-2 lead in the opening minutes was as close as the Lakers would get to a victory. Head Coach Christine Pritchard's Bombers took control right away and coasted to the easy victory.

"We took Oswego State out of the game early," Head Coach Christine Pritchard said. "Today should have been a great confidence builder for them."

Ithaca took care of business despite the absence of sophomore starters Jenn Colby and Jen Cotton. Colby needed to rest her knee, which she injured against Elmira, while Cotton had come down with the flu. Junior Kristi Clark could only play just a few minutes due to flu-like symptoms.

"People pulled together and got the job done," Pritchard said. "Today our goal was to be disciplined, stick to the game plan and play as a team."

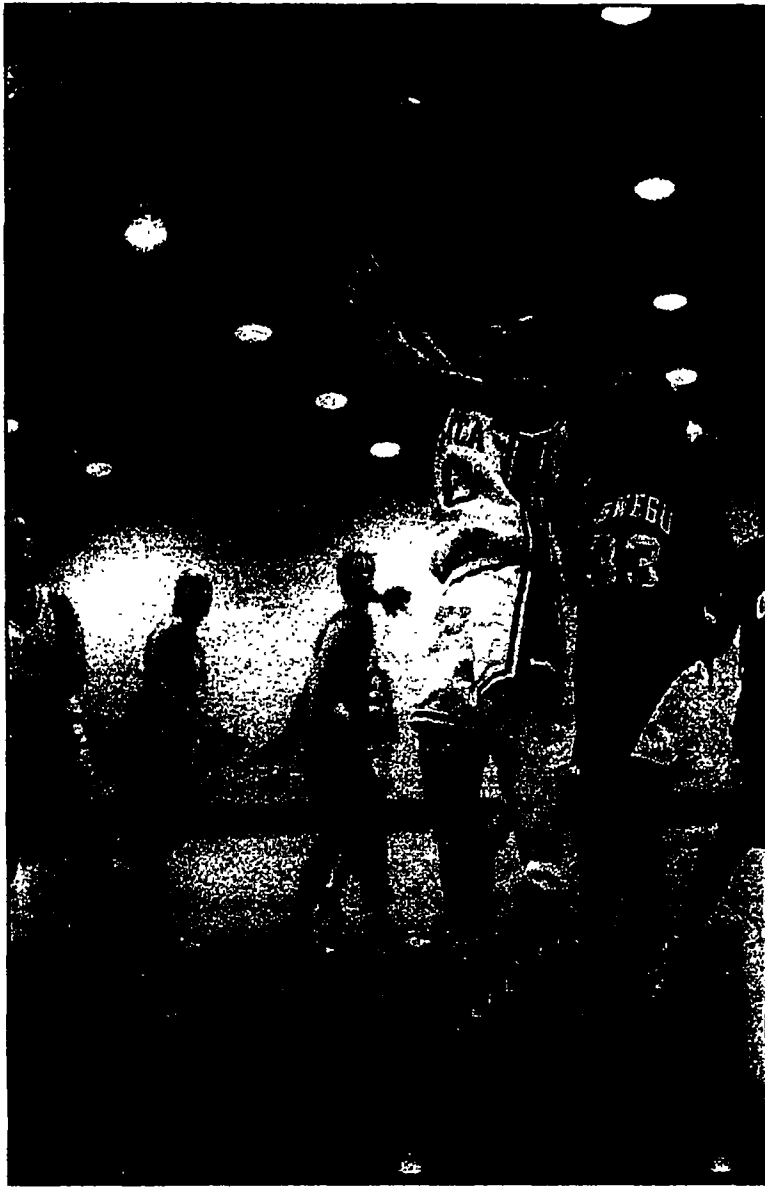
The whole team stepped up to fill the void. Junior forward Laurie Egan, sophomore Olivia Weale and rookie Shari Wilkins started the contest in place of their stricken teammates and each played well.

Egan was a constant presence in the paint on offense, working the baseline to perfection and finishing with nine points and five rebounds. At guard, Weale played bigger than her numbers, turning in a solid defensive job against the Lakers' top weapon, rookie Jaime Clough. Wilkins operated well on the boards for the Bombers, ripping down six and also altering some Oswego attempts.

Leading the way offensively for Ithaca was newcomer Brenda Boyer, a five-foot-eight-inch guard from Norwich, who swished in 14 points, 12 in the second half.

"I felt comfortable," Boyer said. "They were leaving me wide open, so I was just going to take the shots."

Also coming up big was sophomore center Kelly Shene, who, as



The Ithacan/Ryan Beiler
Sophomore guard Olivia Weale floats through the lane during Tuesday's lopsided victory over Oswego in the Ben Light Gym.

first-year teammate Shannon Cotton said, "had control of the boards," collecting eight rebounds and ten points.

Junior Margo McGowan threw in 11 from the floor and joined Shene on the All-Windex team with eight rebounds.

Ithaca had a 16 point lead at the break, but fueled by Clough and gritty sophomore point guard Cara Townshend, Oswego mounted a comeback. Consecutive three-pointers and a Bomber defensive lapse allowed the visiting team to get the margin down to 12.

But that was as close as they would get.

"We were supposed to be trapping on the side and we weren't," Cotton said.

Shene agreed. "We kind of got too comfortable with our lead and I think we let down," she said.

Pritchard swapped lineups and the second unit answered, holding the Lakers scoreless over the final 10 minutes and scoring 22 points of their own.

The aim of Tuesday's game was

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Higgins named All-American

By G. Matthew Yale
Ithacan Sports Editor

Jeff Higgins, who battled injuries throughout his senior season on the gridiron, earned second team All-American recognition as a kick returner on the Hewlett-Packard Division III team. The team, announced on Wednesday, was selected by a panel of sports information directors representing the four play-off regions in NCAA Division III football.

"It is an honor, it is a tribute to our kick return team," Higgins said. "Being named a second team All-American is a great accomplishment."

Last season Higgins was a Hewlett-Packard Division III Honorable Mention All-American. This season Higgins ended the regular season with seven kickoff returns for 213 yards, an average of 30.4 yards per run back. He took back seven punts for 164 yards (23.4) and one touchdown.

Head coach Mike Welch realizes what Higgins has meant to the football program.

"Jeff loved returning punts and kickoffs. He had the special combination of speed, open field strength and the ability to break tackles," Welch said. "He ranks right up there with the great returners in Ithaca history."

Higgins suffered through nagging injuries throughout the season. The first occurred in the season opener against Division II Mansfield. After suffering a quadriceps contusion in the first quarter, Higgins showed his determination and ability as he ran a punt back 70 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter.

"I just kept playing. The injury occurred on the very first catch of the first quarter when I tried to jump over a defender," Higgins said.

After the game, the leg tightened up and Higgins was forced to miss the next two games. He was not at full strength until the sixth contest versus American

International.

"I didn't worry about All-American honors; I just focused on getting back to play," Higgins said. "I love playing football and as a team we just focused on winning football games before acknowledging personal goals."

In the Cortland State contest Higgins suffered another injury.

He was victimized by a hip pointer and the imprint of the face mask was actually visible on his back.

"If Jeff was healthy he would be the best returner in the nation," Defensive Coordinator Ray LaForte said. "He was banged up more than anybody ever knew. It was too bad that we could not see his ability for the entire ten-game season."

Higgins was a weapon of which the opposition was well aware this season. Opposing teams did not kick or punt the ball to him because he had game-breaking ability.

"You cannot return the ball for a touchdown if they do not kick the ball to you," LaForte said. "Higgins is at another level in terms of speed—4.5 in the 40 [yard dash] and pure explosiveness."

As a split-end, Higgins was also a dynamic receiver. His 94 career receptions ties him for first place in Ithaca history.

Higgins' biggest moment in a Bomber uniform came when he was a sophomore in the national semifinal against Washington and Jefferson. With the Presidents leading 23-19 in the fourth quarter, Higgins returned the ball down to the 10-yard line. Ithaca would not convert on the next three downs and then on the fourth down, senior tight end Chris Cumiskey was hit hard and dropped the ball, ending the Bombers' chances of advancing to the national championship game.

The 1994 playoff game was when the legend of Higgins began. He has left a mark on the South Hill that will not soon be forgotten.

Wrestlers fight tough competition at RIT

Sophomore duo takes over for absent veterans

By Kristin Muenzen
Ithacan Staff

The 31st Annual Rochester Institute of Technology Wrestling Invitational welcomed thirteen of the top programs from Division I, II and III. Ithaca's wrestlers made the trip to Rochester on Saturday and continued the rebuilding process that began in early November under first-year Head Coach Marty Nichols.

Although they placed 10th with 34.5 points, Head Coach Marty Nichols said that the team is improving.

"This team has a lot of talent, but we have some humps to get over. In time we will get the toughness and intensity that we need."

Sophomore Dan Butler

"This weekend was the best that all of the guys have wrestled in a year and a half," he said. "We were a lot tougher and wrestled for a strong six minutes. We worked hard this past week and got into better condition."

The Bombers wrestled well, but missed the presence of three of their top grapplers.

Junior co-captain John Gemmell did not enter the tournament due to an ankle injury and senior co-captain Matt Magner was out with pneumonia. Senior Josh Potter went down in the quarterfinals with a knee injury.

With Gemmell, Magner and Potter unable to compete, sophomores Dan Butler and Scott Mushtare led the team with four wins apiece. Mushtare placed fourth in the 150-pound weight class, losing to Andy Goodwin of Springfield, ranked number one in the nation.

"I wrestled the best match I could. He was pretty tough," Mushtare noted.

After a rough start to the season, Butler turned in a solid performance and also placed fourth in his 158-pound weight class.

"This meet I did a lot better," he said. "I talked with the coaches and

came out with more intensity."

Along with Mushtare and Butler, other wrestlers also helped the Bomber cause. Nichols pointed to two underclassmen for their performances this weekend.

"Derek Donegan really improved this weekend, and John Strong started to show what he could do," Nichols remarked.

Sophomore Donegan (118) posted a 1-2 mark on the day, while first-year wrestler Strong (150) recorded his first varsity win with a pin over Cortland's Morgan Carey.

Despite the improvement, Nichols sees some areas that will be focused on between now and the team's first dual meet on Jan. 10.

"We need to cut down on mistakes," he said. "We can't give up points on the edge of the mat and we need to finish our shots."

Mushtare and Butler agree that improvement is necessary, but they already see a difference from last year.

"The team is doing good and trying to rebuild. We need some wins to build our confidence," Mushtare said, in reference to the Bombers 0-8 dual meet record of a year ago.

"Things are a lot better than last year," he added.

"This team has a lot of talent," Butler said. "But we have some humps to get over. In time we will get the toughness and intensity that we need."

The improvement that the Bombers showed this weekend will carry them into the new year. In 1997, intensity and toughness could be the ingredients necessary for a winning season.

Indoor track opens winter season

By Alex Walton
Ithacan Staff

The Ithaca College men's and women's track teams came out of the blocks for the first time this season at the Cornell relays Saturday on the East Hill.

Field events were a strong part of the Bomber showing. Junior

David Kelley took eighth in the triple jump, leaping 13.72 meters. Senior Jess Hafner placed eighth in the pole vault competition, clearing 4.20 meters. Sophomore Leigh Gochenour jumped 1.58 meters, good enough for sixth place in the high jump.

Ithaca's relay teams impressed the hometown crowd. The men's

4x400-meter team crossed the finish line in a time of 3:29.64, placing them fourth. The women's distance medley relay, ending their race in 13:16.43, also came in fourth.

While the men will continue their season Jan. 18 at the Penn State Open, the women's squad will run at Cornell again on Jan. 25, in a three-team battle.

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to prepare for the future and gain some much-needed confidence and experience for the newcomers.

"They need that time to get their confidence back so then when you put them in against an Elmira or a Cortland or a University of Rochester team again, you know they play to step up," Pritchard said, keeping things in perspective. "It's great to go out and do it against an Oswego State; we're grooming

them to go out and do it against a Cortland State."

Saturday's win over Elmira was a meaningful one because the Soaring Eagles defeated Ithaca three times last season.

Bomber defense was key, holding the Elmira starters to 13 of 47 from the hardwood.

"They never got to the spot they wanted to shoot from," Pritchard said. "We worked a containment type defense."

Jen Cotton rubbed in 25 points to

spark the South Hill squad, connecting on a school record five three-pointers.

Ithaca travels to Keuka's Weed Physical Arts Center on Saturday to face the Warriors, a team they handled easily last year.

Pritchard hopes her squad continues its team-oriented success against Keuka and into 1997.

"That's a real strong point of this team," she said. "They are going to do what they need to do to win as a team."

Men's hoops wrecks Hawks

By Kevin Gove
Ithacan Staff

The Bombers traveled downstate to New Paltz on Tuesday night and dispatched the Hawks, 69-58.

Ithaca held New Paltz to 19 points in the first half, just one more than the Bombers' sum in three-point baskets. Senior Kevin Connors, scoreless in the first three games of the season, canned a trio of three-pointers in the first half for a career-high nine points.

"I just went out and forgot about the past," Connors said. "After I made my first three-pointer, I gained confidence."

Ithaca continued its offensive productivity in the second half. A Kevin Havens layup with 15:41 remaining in the contest gave the Bombers their largest lead of the game with 22 points.

The balanced Bomber attack was led by senior guard Rob Nadler who had 14 markers along with eight rebounds and four steals. Junior Kevin Havens pumped in 11 points and collected seven boards, while junior center Eric Pitcher and senior Shaka Serville each finished with 10 points.

With 1:35 left, New Paltz came within seven points on the lead with

a Chris Mooney three-pointer, but that was as close as they would get. Fred Sutherland was the Hawks' top scorer with 22 points.

Now four games into the season, the Bombers are happy to be 3-1.

"I told the guys before the game that we're not a .500 team," Connors stated. "Three and one is a lot different than 2-2. This was definitely a big win for us."

Serville agreed.

"So far this was our biggest game of the year," the co-captain said, proud of his team's performance.

In their Empire Athletic Association opener at Elmira Saturday, Ithaca held a 10-point lead at half-time. However, the Bomber advantage wouldn't be enough as a shooting clip of 36 percent, 15 turnovers and three of 10 shooting from the three-point range in the second half enabled a relentless Soaring Eagles squad to overcome the deficit and hand Ithaca its first loss of the season, 68-64.

"We just weren't executing as well as we should have been," Nadler said. "We just let it get too close and eventually in the second half they took the lead and we kind of panicked."

Early fouls called on three key Bombers in the first half weakened

Ithaca's offensive attack.

"Pitcher, Serville and Nadler all picked up two early fouls," Ithaca Head Coach Tom Baker stated. "We had three players out of the game pretty quickly."

The Bombers connected on just three of 14 three-point attempts in the first 20 minutes of play. Baker knows that a few more long-range baskets by his squad could have prevented the Elmira comeback.

"If we made just two more three-pointers in the first half we go into half-time with a 16-point lead instead of a 10-point lead," he said. "Then maybe things would have been different in the second half."

Pitcher led the Bombers in scoring with 13 points. Havens and classmate Kevin Mercier each tallied 10 points; Havens also had seven rebounds in the losing effort.

Ithaca possessed a more talented core of players, but the determination and work ethic displayed by Elmira was the difference in the game.

"It wasn't as much that they were that good of a defense," Nadler conceded. "They were just constantly hustling a lot more than us. I definitely have to give it to them, they just went out and played very, very hard."

Swimmers sink Dragons, Pride

Helbok propels undefeated unit

By Kelly Jo McKernan
Ithacan Staff

Racing against a tough Division I Cornell squad, the women's swimming and diving team lost their first meet of the season on Tuesday and is now 4-1.

With only one day of rest after the Franklin and Marshall Invitational last weekend, Head Coach Paula Miller was impressed with the competitive effort of the team despite the loss.

"They really bounced back from this weekend; I was really pleased with the results," she said.

Two relay teams shined for Ithaca with season-best times.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of rookie Marisa D'Orazio, junior Debby Werner, sophomore Renee Helbok and first-year swimmer Jeanette Kolb placed second with a time of 1:42.35.

The 200-yard medley relay team of rookie Julie Harrington, Werner, Helbok and junior Leslie Greene also had a season-best time.

Showing strength in the distance events, the Bombers were strong in the 500-yard freestyle and took the top two spots.

Sophomore Dara Porterfield placed first with her season-best time of 5:19.55, narrowly edging Helbok, who was second with a time of 5:20.22.

Over the weekend, the women faced tough competition from nationally-ranked teams at the Franklin and Marshall Invitational and placed fifth among 11 teams.

Leading the way for the Bombers was a pair of sophomores. Julie Steele and Helbok both came away with two NCAA B-cut times, meaning they will be invited to nationals only if there are not enough A-cut times. A trip to nationals is not guaranteed unless an A-cut time is

achieved.

Helbok recorded an NCAA provisional time of 1:58.09 in the 200-yard freestyle. She was also first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:13.35. It was only the second time this season Helbok competed in the 500-yard freestyle.

Assistant Coach Arthur Wang had few anxieties about Helbok's abilities in the event.

"We've always known she was capable of swimming that time," he said. "She swam the race with intensity."

Steele finished second in both the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events. Both times were good enough for the national B-cut provisional times.

The defending state champion in both events, Steele said she was pleased to make the cut early in the season.

"It was a great meet," she said. "It was pretty surprising to [qualify] this early [in the season]."

Miller described the distance swimmers as having a "tremendous" meet with Porterfield taking second in the 1,650-yard freestyle and rookie Laura Maring placing fourth in the same event.

With many teams "shaving and tapering" for the meet, the coaches said the advantage was with the competition. However, the invitational gave both Ithaca coaches and athletes a chance to evaluate where the team is at this point in the season.

"It was an education for us as we evaluate our program and how we handle stress," Miller said.

Overall, the Bombers were pleased with their performance. The team was also excited about the experience gained by the rookies, who comprise half of the team.

"It was a very intense meet," Helbok said. "But the freshman responded well to the pressure."

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Gymnasts warm up for January opener

By G. Matthew Yale and
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Ithacan Staff

Ithaca's 1997 gymnastics team is vaulting its way to the season opener against Springfield College on Saturday, Jan. 18. The Pride will provide an early test and measuring stick for the Bombers, as they won the 1996 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association national championship. The Ithaca team is working on their routines and endurance and is also developing basic skills and increasing the level of difficulty of these skills before working towards the ultimate goal: a national championship.

This season, the gymnastics team will be without three familiar faces: Lindsay-Leigh Bartyzel, Laurie Gilman and Caren Cioffi, who all graduated last semester.

"They were among the top two in each event, so it was a big loss," Head Coach Rick Suddaby said.

Despite these losses, the team should have a lot of success this season. This year's team is more together than last year's squad.

"We are a really united team—this will pull us through the season," junior Jen Nardone said.

The 1997 edition of the Bomber gymnastics squad realizes that team success breeds individual success.

"As close as we thought we were a year ago, we had many people working on their individual agendas," Suddaby said. "If we had come together for a team agenda last year, then the individual agendas would have taken care of themselves. In some ways, our eighth-place finish at nationals represents that we



A Bomber gymnast works out in preparation for the upcoming season, one which the blue and gold hope will result in a national championship, a goal that is well within the realm of possibility.

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weren't together as a group."

The Bombers have a deep team this year, which allows Coach Suddaby a lot of flexibility when picking his lineup.

In the floor exercise, senior Lindsey Broich is expected to lead the pack.

Broich was a finalist at the NCGA meet last year. She is joined by Nardone, who is always strong on the floor.

The balance beam is the most competitive event for the Bombers. Nardone's 9.03 scoring average a

year ago was tops on the team

"We have kids that will stand out, but they have to earn it," Suddaby said. "Everybody that can make the lineup can be the best on a given day. It is so competitive that I cannot pick a leader."

The uneven bars is supposed to be an event that Ithaca is much stronger in now than they have been in the past.

First-year gymnast Lindsey Mazer looks to grab the top position.

"If you look at raw talent, she is

just phenomenal," Suddaby said.

In the vault, Broich should be a top-notch competitor at the national level. Nardone is expected to join her at nationals.

The all-around competitors are selected from those who stand out the most in individual events.

Nardone's most difficult event is the bars. However, she is a top performer in the other three events: vault, floor exercise and balance beam. Mazer is also expected to be a top competitor in the all-around competition.

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1/25	@ Brockport	
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2/22	Ithaca Invitational	2:00
3/2	ECAC Championship	
	@ Cortland	1:00
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2/22	@ Lacrosse	3:00

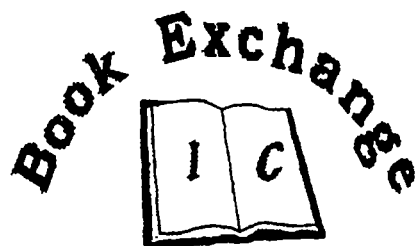
The junior and senior team members, along with co-captains junior Alison McClung and Broich, realize what skills and mindsets are necessary to be successful because they are experienced. Their leadership is important to the rapid development of the younger gymnasts, especially the talented first-year class. There are high expectations for this year's team.

"Our goal is to go undefeated all year," Suddaby said. "I think we are good enough to go undefeated all the way through nationals."

This year's team understands the hard work in the gym that is necessary for success and the ultimate goal of winning the national championship.

"Setting a goal to win a national title is a goal to work towards," Nardone said. "Last year it wasn't that we lost nationals, it just wasn't our time. We were very excited to be there. Hopefully, this year will be our time."

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Junior varsity keeps the big club loaded

'B' team gives younger players a place to play and gain experience

By Kevin P. Kurz
Ithacan Staff

Many students on the Ithaca College campus do not even know it exists, but there is in fact another men's basketball team. Commonly referred to as the 'B' Team, or the junior varsity, they play an important role in the development and training of future varsity players.

The team is currently comprised of seven freshmen and two sophomores. All of them undoubtedly hope to become key components in Ithaca College varsity teams of the future. For the moment, however, they are still developing their college game under the leadership of Coach Dan Miller, who is also an assistant to Tom Baker with the varsity team. Miller, who graduated from Ithaca College in 1989 with a degree in physical education, understands the importance of his position with the younger student-athletes.

"We're trying to introduce these players to college basketball," Miller explained. "We also want to introduce them to the type of [basketball we] play here at Ithaca College."

The earliest record of such a team on the South Hill dates back to 1929-30 season when there was an all-freshman team. At the time, freshmen were not permitted to play at the varsity level, and that rule remained until the late 1960s.

To improve and refine the skills of the players is the main goal of the team today, and this is not always measured in wins and losses.

"We want to win, of course, but it is not the first priority," said Tom Baker, head coach of the varsity team. "The most important aspect is the development of players."

Sophomore Mike Gus, who spent last season on the B-team and is now on the varsity roster, agreed.

"We try to develop our skills and prepare for varsity team play," Gus said.

Of course, everyone wants to win games and it can certainly be beneficial to the team.

"Winning games on the B-team gives us a sense of confidence with one another," Gus said.

Five of this year's varsity players spent time on the B-team at one point, including seniors Kevin Connors, Rob Nadler and Kevin Mercier, all of whom will be major contributors to this year's squad.

Mercier spent parts of three seasons on the B-team and considers his time on the team worthwhile.

"It was a great experience for me," he explained. "It allowed me to work on game situations, and was certainly more valuable than sitting on the bench."

Since many of the players on the B-team will be playing with each other on the varsity team, it certainly helps the Bombers in the long run.

Despite the fact that it is a B-team, the competition to make the squad is still extremely fierce.

"It's really tough to [make it]. Many players on our B-team could play on other school's varsity teams," said sophomore Ben Scaffidi, now in his second season with Miller's team.

The B-team also allows younger varsity players who may not get much playing time in Baker's lineup just yet to drop down a level. This enables them to keep their competitive juices flowing and their skills sharp in case they are needed in an emergency role on the varsity. Each player, either on the varsity or junior varsity team, is allowed to play in 25 total games.

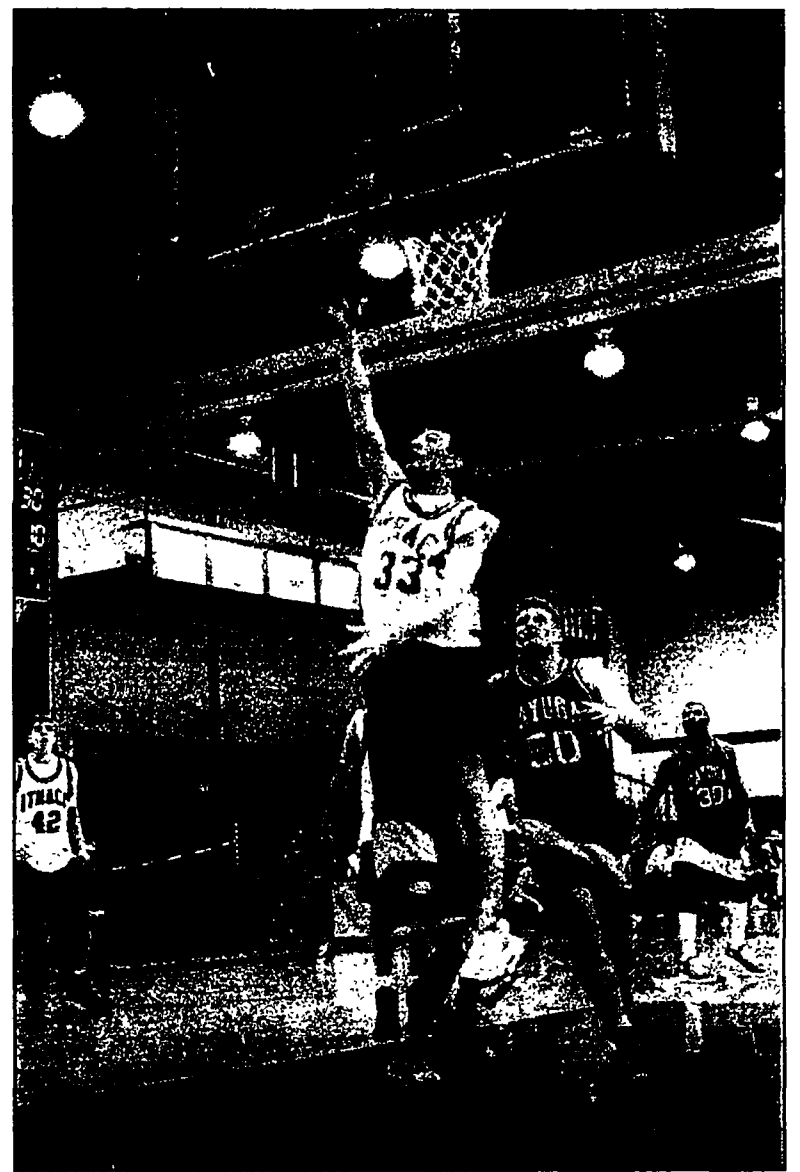
Miller is also in constant communication with Baker about the progress of the team.

"Dan and I are in daily contact with one another," Baker said. "I find out who did well in practice, and we run many of the same drills in case a player must be called up [to the varsity]."

Coach Miller first started out as a student assistant in 1984, and is currently in his fourth year with the team. He is well liked by his players, which makes it an even better experience.

"[Miller] is a great motivator, and a really fiery person," Mercier explained. "He was a fun guy to play for."

"I try to run the team in a family or group-like setting," Miller said. "I want to make them feel welcome. The main goal to these players should be to one day become a varsity player."



The Ithacan / Ryan Beiler
Rookie guard Brian Dailey hangs in the air in Tuesday's junior varsity basketball game against Cayuga Community College in the Ben Light Gymnasium. Ithaca won the game, 101-84.

Men's aquatics places seventh at invitational

By Stephanie Hoey
Ithacan Staff

Placing seventh out of eight teams doesn't sound like an astounding accomplishment.

However, the men's varsity swimming and diving team made great strides when they came in seventh at the Franklin and Marshall Invitational last weekend.

Ithaca (2-2) was led by sophomores Pat Kielty and Scott Pavlick, who both scored 59 points during the two-day pool party in Pennsylvania.

The team leader in points, Kielty placed second in the 200-yard backstroke, third in the 100-yard backstroke and was a member of two sixth-place relay teams. Pavlick took second in the 100-yard backstroke, finishing in 54.89 seconds.

The meet was a good experience for the Bombers, not only because it exposed the team to some top-notch competition, but it served as a judgment time.

"The reason we went to this meet was because we wanted to go against the best competition that we could find," Head Coach Kevin Markwardt said.

"This was a really good meet. There were at least five of the top teams in the country there," he said.

Markwardt often uses the analogy of a funnel when assessing the team's overall season transition.

"In the beginning of the year the funnel is very wide; that means we're very accepting of people and there is a little bit of difference in personality," he said.

The blue and gold is now at the point in the season where they have

"Bill Frank swam awesome. He showed us what he is capable of and what he wants the rest of us to do."

-Pat Kielty '99

to make the conformation Markwardt refers to as "the squeeze."

"Looking ahead over the next couple of weeks, the squeeze is coming," Markwardt said. "Finals are coming and Christmas, which is a holiday break. They've got to have a good two weeks of training right now. We've done well up to this point and we're halfway through the funnel! and now the question is, when things get real tight and the pressure is on, are we going to do

it?"

Some members of the Bomber squad feel the squeeze has already come.

Sophomore Jason Morini said, "I think some of us have already made the transition to perform. It is up to everyone else to see if the whole team is going to step up."

One individual who many team members commended for a great performance last weekend was junior co-captain and all-around leader Bill Frank.

"Bill Frank swam awesome," Kielty said. "He showed us what he is capable of and what he wants the rest of us to do," he said.

Morini said, "He had the best time in the 200-meter fly of 2:01, which is an incredible time for such a hard event. He's faster now than he was at states last year and that is

really a great accomplishment."

Sophomore Matt Jones said Ithaca isn't going to be able to make the final adjustments for a successful transition until the winter training trip to Florida.

"I think we're pretty close to being at the bottom of the funnel," he said.

"We've pulled together as a team, but Florida is going to be the deciding factor; if people work real hard then it's all going to glue together," he said.

The next challenge on the Bomber schedule is against the Oswego Lakers on Saturday.

"I have not seen any results yet, but they've been a good team in the past," Markwardt said.

"I think we should have a good meet with them, and I expect that we should be able to win," he added.

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By The Numbers

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SCOREBOARD

Men's Basketball (3-1, 0-1)		
Saturday, 12/7		
Elmira def. Ithaca	64-68	
Tuesday, 12/10		
Ithaca def. New Paltz	69-58	
Women's Basketball (4-2, 1-0)		
Thursday, 12/5		
Ithaca def. Wilkes	77-61	
Saturday, 12/7		
Ithaca def. Elmira	61-53	
Tuesday, 12/10		
Ithaca def. Oswego	67-33	
Wrestling		
Saturday, 12/7		
At RIT Invitational		
Ithaca placed 10th with 34.5 points		
Men's Swimming and Diving (2-2)		
Friday, 12/6 and Saturday 12/7		
At Franklin and Marshall Invitational		
Ithaca placed 7th		
Women's Swimming and Diving (4-1)		
Friday, 12/6 and Saturday 12/7		
At Franklin and Marshall Invitational		
Ithaca placed 5th out of 11 teams		
Tuesday, 12/10		
Cornell def. Ithaca	135-100	

THE MONTH AHEAD

Friday, 12/13	Men's Basketball @ Binghamton	8:00
Saturday, 12/14	Men's Swimming & Diving vs. Oswego	1:00
	Women's Swimming & Diving vs. Oswego	1:00
	Women's Basketball @ Keuka	6:00
Wednesday, 1/8	Men's Basketball @ Cortland	8:00
Thursday, 1/9	Women's Basketball vs. Alfred	9:00
Friday, 1/10	Wrestling @ Division III National Dual Championship @ Lycoming	9:00
	Men's Basketball vs. Kings @ Union Invitational	6:00
Saturday, 1/11	Men's Basketball vs. NY Maritime or Union @ Union Invitational	TBA
	Wrestling @ Division III National Dual Championship @ Lycoming	9:00
	Women's Basketball @ Cortland	6:00
Sunday, 1/12	Men's Swimming & Diving @ Hartwick	1:00
	Women's Swimming & Diving @ Hartwick	1:00
Monday, 1/13	Men's Basketball @ Plattsburgh	8:00
Tuesday, 1/14	Women's Basketball @ Potsdam	6:00
Wednesday, 1/15	Men's Swimming & Diving @ Geneseo	1:00
	Women's Swimming & Diving @ Geneseo	1:00
Friday, 1/17	Wrestling @ NYS Collegiate Championship @ Buffalo	10:00
	Women's Basketball @ Utica	6:00
	Men's Basketball @ Utica	8:00
Saturday, 1/18	Men's Indoor Track & Field @ Penn State Open	11:00
	Wrestling @ NYS Collegiate Championship @ Buffalo	12:00
	Men's Swimming & Diving @ Rensselaer Invitational	12:00
	Women's Basketball @ Hartwick	2:00
	Gymnastics vs. Springfield w/Wilson	2:00
	Men's Basketball @ Hartwick	4:00

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Renee Helbok Women's Swimming

Over the weekend, sophomore Renee Helbok turned in a strong performance at the Franklin & Marshall Invitational. She continued her success on Tuesday in the meet against Cornell. She is currently leading the women's swimming team in total points with 201.15. At the Franklin & Marshall Tournament, the sophomore finished third in the 100 freestyle with a time of 54.79 seconds, and first in both the 200 and 500 freestyle. She had winning times of 1:58.09 and 5:13.35, respectively. Her times in both the 200 and 500 were NCAA provisional qualifying times. In addition, Helbok's time in the 500 was a season best. Her previous best was 5:18.62. On Tuesday, Helbok had an outstanding meet in the Bombers' first loss of the year. The loss came at the hands of Cornell, but Helbok placed second in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:58.63 and won the 500 freestyle.



INTO THE POOL

Women's Swimming & Diving 1996-97 Point Leaders					
Name (yr.)	1st	2nd	Total	Points	
1. R. Helbok (So.)	19	2	28	201.15	
2. J. Harrington (Fr.)	13	3	18	154.05	
3. D. Porterfield (So.)	13	5	23	152.00	
4. J. Souder (Fr.)	12	4	21	135.85	
Men's Swimming & Diving 1996-97 Point Leaders					
Name (yr.)	1st	2nd	Total	Points	
1. P. Kieley (So.)	11	3	19	87.25	
2. S. Pavlick (So.)	9	5	19	86.75	
3. T. Marshall (Jr.)	5	5	15	57.25	
4. K. Reece (Jr.)	7	3	16	54.75	

THE FINAL BUZZER

Women's Basketball vs. Oswego (12/10)				
Ithaca def. Oswego	67	-	53	
Name	Pts.	Reb.	Asst.	
Brenda Boyer (Fr.)	14	1	0	
Margo McGowan (Jr.)	11	8	5	
Kelly Shene (So.)	10	9	1	
Laurie Egan (Jr.)	9	5	2	
Men's Basketball @ New Paltz (12/10)				
Ithaca def. New Paltz	69	-	58	
Name	Pts.	Reb.	Asst.	
Rob Nadler (Sr.)	14	8	3	
Kevin Havens (Sr.)	11	7	1	
Eric Pitcher (Jr.)	10	7	0	
Shaka Serville (Sr.)	10	4	5	

WRESTLING

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Weight	Name	School
118 lbs.	J. Gemmell	Ithaca
126 lbs.	T. Smith	Warburg St.
134 lbs.	D. Rhodes	Warburg St.
142 lbs.	A. Goodwin	Springfield St.
150 lbs.	C. Potter	Trenton St.
158 lbs.	D. O'Conne	Trenton St.
167 lbs.	M. Alesch	Warburg St.
177 lbs.	P. Elson	Wheaton St.
190 lbs.	Lewandowski	Augsburg St.
Hwt.	P. Miller	Stevens Pt.

PURSE SNATCHERS

Women's Basketball Career Steal Leaders				
No.	Name (seasons)	G	S	Avg.
1.	L. Tibbles (90-92)	55	203	4.1
2.	R. Aguilar (86-90)	96	200	2.1
3.	N. Winakor (92-96)	73	166	2.3
4.	V. Gazda (82-86)	87	165	3.3
	M. McGowan (94-97)	50	165	3.3

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- Eggplant**
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- Combo**
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- Meaty**
MEATBALLS, ONIONS & MOZZARELLA
- Low Cal-Zone**
BROCCOLI, CHEDDAR, MOZZARELLA & GARLIC
- Maui Wowi**
PINEAPPLE, HAM & MOZZARELLA
- End Zone**
STEAK, PEPPERS, ONIONS & MOZZARELLA
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- Strike Zone**
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- Ithaca Zone**
SAUSAGE, PEPPERS, ONIONS & MOZZARELLA
- School Zone**
STEAK, MUSHROOMS & MOZZARELLA
- Cordon Bleu**
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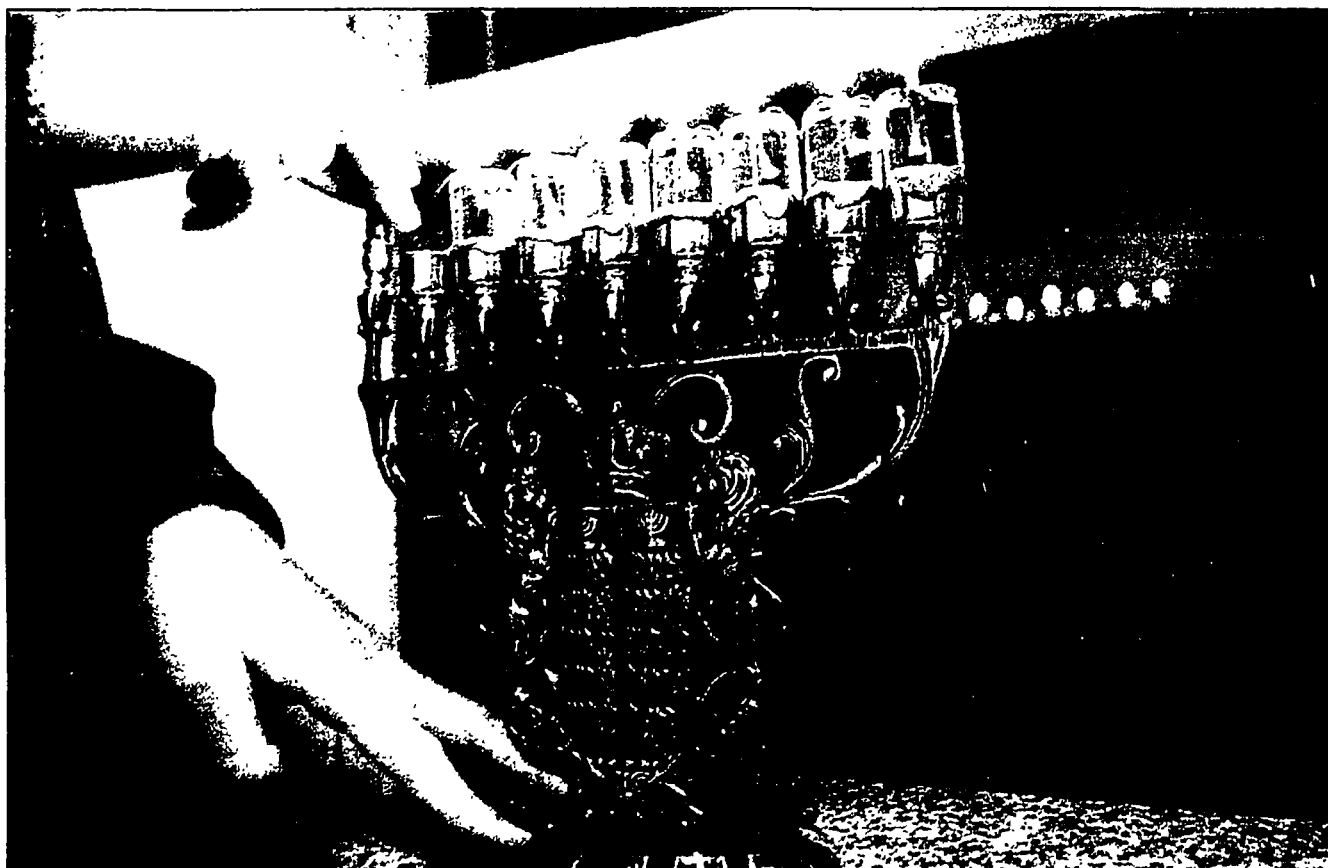
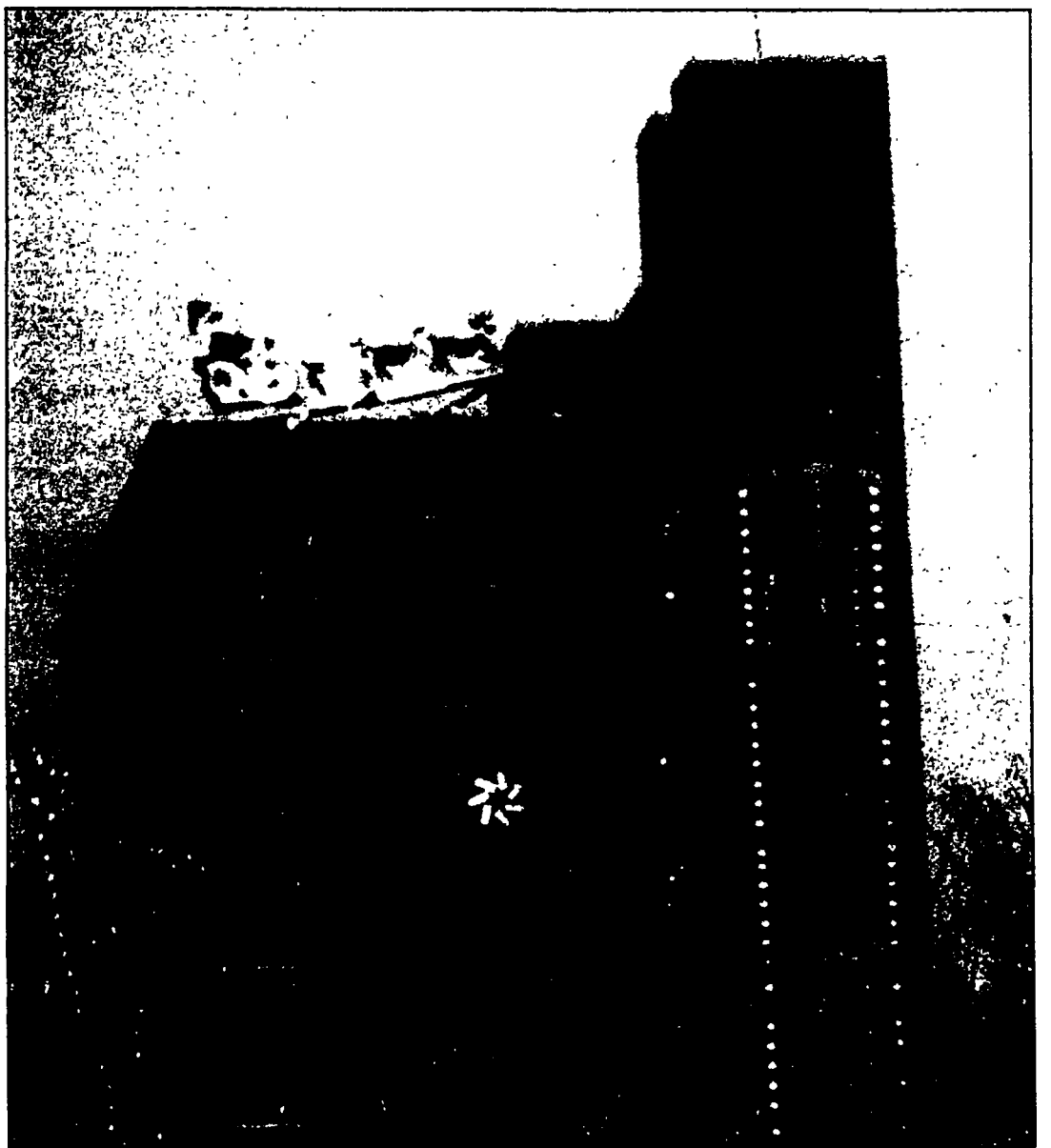
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Above left: With Christmas, of course, comes the annual consumption of candy canes.

Above right: The Ithaca College Library celebrates the holiday season with a Christmas tree in its lobby.

Above: Santa Claus himself can be spotted on the roof of the Holiday Inn in downtown Ithaca.

Left: The traditional lighting of the menorah every night of Hanukkah is observed by Jason Erlich '97. His menorah has oil lamps instead of candles and is in the window, as tradition dictates.

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